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Yeltsin hits out at communists as polling begins

MOSCOW (Reuters) - President Boris Yeltsin, on the eve of an election leading support for his reforms, took an oblique swipe at his communist rival yesterday and posed with the patriarch of the Orthodox church for television cameras.

Today's presidential poll puts voters before a crossroads in the world's largest country - four more years of painful reform by re-electing Yeltsin or a leap into the unknown with nationalist-leaning communist Gennady Zyuganov.

Campaigning was banned yesterday, but Yeltsin still dominated much of evening newscasts after a strident four-month campaign in which the president and Zyuganov have slugged it out for the votes of the 105 million-strong electorate.

Yeltsin, 65, has warned of the perils of a communist return to power and got in an indirect swipe at Zyuganov when he gave awards to film director Nikita Mikhalkov and sculptor Ernst Neizvestny, a Soviet-era dissident.

The repression of the former regime could not break the intelligentsia. On the contrary, it was a decisive influence on the creation in Russia of a democratic society," the Itar-Tass news agency quoted him as saying.

Russian television's main channel hammered the theme home by screening Mikhalkov's Oscar-winning film on Stalin's purges, *Burnt by the Sun*, and *Heart of a Dog*, based on 1920s writer Mikhail Bulgakov's novel satirizing Soviet morality.

Yeltsin met Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Alexy II and discussed reconstruction of churches destroyed or left to run down under Soviet communist rule.

With television crews filming, he strolled with Alexy in the Kremlin precincts, thrilling and bemusing about 100 visitors and patting small children on the head.

"Good luck in the election!", a woman called to Yeltsin. But another onlooker, a young man, (Continued on Page 3)



A wounded woman is helped away from the scene of yesterday's bomb blast in the center of Manchester. Authorities blamed the bombing, in which over 200 persons were hurt, on the IRA.

IRA suspected in Manchester blast, over 200 wounded

AN explosion near a Manchester shopping center wounded more than 200 people in a whirlwind of glass and debris yesterday, and British and Irish leaders blamed the IRA.

No one immediately claimed responsibility. But the attack, just six days after the opening of peace talks in Northern Ireland, apparently quenched any hopes that the IRA's supporters would soon be allowed to join in the negotiations.

A bomb disposal team was checking a van parked next to the Amdale Center and police had cleared the area before the explosion at 11:20 a.m. But the force of the blast shattered glass 800 meters away, knocked down some people in shops and streets, and raised a dense black cloud.

"I was thrown on to the floor and knocked my head against the wall. After that, everything seemed in slow motion," said Sylvia Glen, 44, a security guard in a city center shop. She suffered a perforated eardrum and a wrist injury.

Manchester's ambulance service said it counted 206 injured people. Ambulances and private cars ferried shocked and bleeding people to hospitals. Others walked in for treatment.

A dozen people were being treated for serious injuries, including a woman in the last weeks of pregnancy. "The pregnant woman was thrown through the air but I can confirm that the baby's heart is still beating," said Richard Emmott, spokesman for Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Seventy-two other people taken to the infirmary, including a four-month-old boy who had minor cuts on his hand, were all released by late afternoon.

"This explosion looks like the work of the IRA," Prime Minister John Major said in London. Police said there had been a telephone warning from a man with an Irish accent, but no one immediately

claimed responsibility for the attack.

The IRA bombed the same area on December 3, 1992, wounding more than 60 people in two morning rush-hour blasts.

Major suggested yesterday's bomb was timed to spoil the traditional Trooping the Color celebrations in London of the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

But Irish Prime Minister John Bruton said he believes the IRA wanted to distract attention from its admission earlier yesterday that some of its members murdered an Irish police officer on June 7.

"The news management aspect of the Manchester bomb shows that the IRA are cynical and empty of any humanity," Bruton said in a long and angry statement issued by his office in Dublin.

Irish President Mary Robinson, on a state visit to the United States, said she was deeply shocked by the bombing.

She told reporters at Washington's Irish Embassy: "I am shocked, saddened, and numbed at the news. This has nothing to do with Irishness."

Robinson renewed her call for an IRA cease-fire and said those involved in peace talks in Northern Ireland should redouble their efforts.

Condemning the bombing, Robinson said: "My heart goes out to the city of Manchester, to the Irish in Manchester, to those who have suffered. All our hopes are for a permanent peace."

"Such viciousness deserves universal condemnation," said President Bill Clinton, who expressed support for people working for peace in Northern Ireland. "The men of violence have once again tried to dash their hopes," Clinton said.

The IRA resumed its bombing campaign in

England on February 9 with a huge explosion in east London that killed two men. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political allies, were locked out of peace talks which began in Northern Ireland last week because both governments insist that an IRA cease-fire must come first.

"We remain very very firmly focused on the need to restore the peace process, and we will not be deflected from that by anything," Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said in Belfast.

"And if this bomb explosion, or if it is a bomb explosion, if it is linked to the conflict in Ireland, obviously I regret and I sympathize with those who have been injured," Adams said.

The two main railway stations in Manchester, 290 km northwest of London, were closed for several hours, and the city center was scaled off. Hundreds of soccer fans are in the city for today's Euro 96 match between Germany and Russia, and officials indicated the match would go ahead.

"A man with an Irish accent rang a local TV station, saying that a vehicle was parked containing a bomb," said Chief Superintendent Peter Harris of Greater Manchester Police.

"In a busy city at that time in the morning it is not easy, but we were able to get people out of the area down various side streets and with the cooperation of shopkeepers and businesses in the area," Harris said.

The blast tore away the outer wall on the west side of the Amdale Center, exposing steel beams and littering Corporation Street with bricks, glass, and shredded metal.

"We thought the explosion had gone off right next to us," said Rachel Reeves, 18. "I couldn't believe it when I was told it was close to the Amdale because that is almost half-a-mile from where we were."

The wonder years

COMMENT
AMOTZ ASA-EL

"WE have had four wonderful years," said Shimon Peres in one of his worst lines during that pivotal TV debate with Binyamin Netanyahu. The outgoing premier was referring to the economy, but some saw in his words a more sweeping statement which ignored the post-Oslo security situation.

But even in strictly economic terms, the past four years were not fully "wonderful," and May's sharp rise in the consumer price index is yet another indication of that.

Yes, during its four years in power the outgoing government slashed unemployment, maintained the already robust growth rate which it had inherited, sold some \$2.5 billion worth of shares in state assets, and attracted an unprecedented wave of foreign investment.

Unfortunately, these achievements were marred by classically socialist salary hikes for an already bloated public sector, which for the first time since Shimon Peres's 1985 austerity plan resumed its expansion.

So don't take seriously Manufacturers' Association president Dan Propper's umpteenth, economically unfounded insinuation that the Bank of Israel's interest rates are feeding inflation. If anything, it was the shekel's recent devaluation - which Propper among others had so eagerly sought - that fed last month's price hikes. Moreover, considering his colossal misjudged support for last month's electoral loser, Propper would do well to lower his profile for a while.

In fact, the most potent source of our rising inflation is outgoing Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's wage policy. This is what prevented tax and budget cuts, dramatically expanded demand, and ultimately accelerated inflation and fed our yawning budget, trade and current-account deficits.

But as of this week, our eyes will have to be set on Shohat's successor, whoever he may be. This individual's prospects to ameliorate our macro-economic malaise seem bleak.

First, prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's aides responded to the index by blaming Labor's economic leadership. Let them bear in mind that the time to hicker ended two weeks ago, and in its place has come the time to do.

Secondly, as for doing, the emerging coalition agreement will reportedly contain a plethora of lavish stipulations for an assortment of unenvisioned and sectorially inclined parties.

The problem is not with these parties' aims - theirs is the voice of the people - but with their assumption that the only way to address their (Continued on Page 3)

Coalition talks near deadline

SARAH HONG

PRIME minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's advisers held marathon meetings with potential coalition partners last night in an effort to put together a government in time to present it to the new Knesset tomorrow.

To do so he must submit all coalition agreements and guidelines by 4 p.m. today.

The only matter which does not have to be spelled out till the very last moment is the distribution of portfolios within the Likud. However, all other coalition arrangements must be in writing a full 24 hours before the government is presented.

As things appeared last night, there are still plenty of hurdles ahead. But even though some new problems cropped up at the last moment, Netanyahu's right-hand man, Avigdor Lieberman, remained confident over the weekend that the objective is attainable.

One new hurdle was supplied by Shas, the first party with which the Likud assumed it had successfully concluded an agreement. Shas surprised Netanyahu with a set of new demands after he had just completed arduous negotiations with the National Religious Party.

Netanyahu went to see Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef after midnight Thursday, when it became apparent Shas was smarting because it felt the NRP had received too much.

The Shas-NRP rivalry had been one of the major sticking points of the entire negotiating process. Both parties had fought bitterly over the Religious Affairs portfolio and then the NRP sulked after it realized that Shas had netted two major portfolios (Interior, and Labor and Social Affairs).

To compensate the NRP, its two ministers were awarded three portfolios - one major (Education), one medium (Transport), and one minor (Energy). As a result, Shas now complained that it is "unfair that a party with only nine MKs (the NRP) should get three portfolios, while a party with 10 MKs (Shas) would be entrusted with only two portfolios," in the words of Shas MK Shlomo Benizri.

But even if these considerations of prestige could be overcome, Shas now put up new demands regarding the coalition guidelines. The most worrisome is its demand for coalition discipline on legislative initiatives by the religious parties, including amendments or additions to the Basic Laws.

However, the Likud cannot consider such a demand, which is sure to incur the wrath of The

Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya parties, both of which oppose the extreme Shas demands and have demanded freedom to vote their consciences on religious issues.

It is precisely this freedom to which Shas now objects, arguing that "This would make a mockery of all the promises made to the religious parties on questions relating to the status quo. If the coalition does not unify on these issues, it will not have a majority to pass any of the amendments we want. So what is the point of guidelines if The Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya can veto it all?" Benizri asked.

The Third Way brought up a new demand of its own, which also may make life more difficult for Netanyahu. After it succeeded in getting a firmer Likud undertaking on the Golan, The Third Way now wants to be allowed to push a bill requiring a special Knesset majority and a special referendum majority on any decision to cede Golan territory. But while the Likud was a co-sponsor of such legislation in the outgoing Knesset, it now prefers to leave things as vague as possible in the guidelines in order not to provoke international condemnation and pressure.

Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani has been told that, now that the Likud is at the helm, the Golan situation is very different and the Likud will not make the reckless concessions Labor was prepared for. Thus, not only is there no need to tie the Likud's hands on the issue, but this would be counterproductive.

Kahalani responded that he is not asking the Likud to vote for his bill, just to allow him to submit it. However, the Likud would probably find it highly embarrassing not to vote for a bill it co-sponsored while in the opposition.

Perhaps the greatest problem of all remains the hotly contested Construction and Housing portfolio, the object of a fierce tug-of-war between Yisrael Ba'aliya and United Torah Judaism. The Likud had sought unsuccessfully to convince the UTJ to let YB have the portfolio with a UTJ deputy minister, with the understanding that all UTJ housing objectives for the haredi community would be given top priority. Another failed attempt was to convince YB to take the chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee (promised to UTJ) in compensation for the Housing portfolio.

YB has made its demand for the Housing portfolio ultimate, threatening that unless it receives its demands it will not join the coalition.

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Russian elections: Ritual and reality

COMMENT
ANNON SELLA

ON the personal level, Russian voters must choose today between two unpopular protagonists; on a political level they must choose between Yeltsin, who represents some hope that unpopular reforms will continue, and Gennady Zyuganov, who promises a half-communist, half-chauvinist policy to curtail them.

At the beginning of the campaign, Yeltsin was at a great disadvantage. He had just been released from a rest home following a heart attack; the war in Chechnya looked messy and hopeless; he did not enjoy the benefit of a party organization to support him in a campaign to explain too many failures.

Consequently his popularity in public opinion polls was very low, far behind Zyuganov's.

Zyuganov, still riding the wave of his party's success in the elections to the Duma, brandished a military past and had behind him the loyal backing of the remnants of the once almighty Communist Party. He also enjoyed the support of the many disillusioned senior citizens who lost great chunks of their pensions and old-time apartheid and party officials whose world was ruined by perestroika and Yeltsin's reforms.

The campaign had all the markings of a political ritual. The 10 presidential candidates (one dropped out last week) who had to collect one million signatures each to become eligible used all the known tricks in the art of propaganda and advertisement. They lied, they threatened, they intimidated, all the time demonstrating self-confidence beyond belief.

In the last six weeks of the campaign (Continued on Page 3)

CPI's 1.7% rise points to 15% annual inflation

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE cost-of-living index for the month of May rose a higher-than-expected 1.7%, veering the annual inflation rate farther away from the outgoing government's declared targets and casting yet another thick cloud over its successor's macro-economic inheritance.

Initial expectations were that the index would hover around the 1% level.

Judging by its pace during the first five months of the year, annual inflation will reach 15% by the end of 1996, twice as high as last year's much-celebrated, 26-year-low of 8.1%, and higher even than the previous year's 14.5%. The outgoing government hoped this year's inflation, like last year's, would settle at a single-digit level.

The sharpest rise in consumer prices last month, 3.6%, was in housing, where dollar-denominated rents and second-hand apartments appreciated in tandem with the shekel's 2.4% depreciation over that period, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

Since the beginning of the year, the dollar's value has risen 4.3% in shekel terms, while rents appreciated 6.8% and apartment prices rose 10.4%.

Prices also rose in an array of other categories, ranging from

clothing and footwear (4.4%) - which ordinarily see higher demands this time of the year due to summer sales - to culture and entertainment (1.5%), which reflected, among other factors, the appreciation abroad of paper, and its consequent impact worldwide on the prices of books, journals and newspapers.

The one category which ran counter to the general trend was fruits and vegetables, where prices actually declined, by 3.4%, apparently due to the market's gradual recovery from the initial impact of the ongoing closure on the territories. The increased supplies of fruits and vegetables last month subtracted 0.2% from the overall index.

Aides to prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu said in response to the May index that the outgoing government is leaving behind it an economic crisis, highlighted by yawning deficits and accelerating inflation, Israel TV reported.

Manufacturers' Association president Dan Propper said the index's sharp rise proves the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy has failed, since inflation is still rampant while export profitability and the commercial sector's growth have been hurt.

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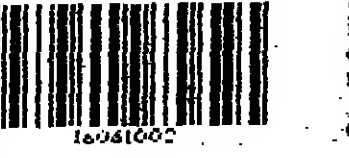
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Christopher to visit here next week

Secretary will brief Netanyahu on Syria talks

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher will arrive here next week to brief prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu on the secret details of past progress on the Syrian peace track, and to prepare Netanyahu for his trip to the White House during the week of July 8, diplomatic sources said.

Both the Christopher trip and the date for Netanyahu's White House visit were set in a phone call between the two on Friday.

Christopher will be accompanied by top aide and special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross; the latter briefed Shimon Peres on the closely kept details of the Syrian track after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

As it stands now, Christopher is not making any other visits in the region, these sources said. Rather, the trip is a "special gesture" to Netanyahu, a diplomatic source said.

In general, the Clinton administration seems poised to be conciliatory to the new government, perhaps to compensate for President Bill Clinton making statements that were widely seen here and abroad as campaigning on behalf of Peres. Perhaps as another small signal of American goodwill, Christopher authorized last night the following statement to be released by Netanyahu's office: "The secretary complimented the prime minister-elect on the exemplary way in which he has conducted the transition period and on his commitment to peace."

More importantly, Christopher has been repeatedly urging Arab leaders not to prejudge

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTLER

Netanyahu's peace policies, and hopes this week's Cairo summit does not take any truculent decisions.

State-run Syrian Television on Friday night departed from the tough statements in the Syrian press since Netanyahu's election, mentioning the new premier by name for what is believed to be the first time. It said the Cairo summit will "not close any doors in the face of peace and face of the new Israeli rulers if they show a serious desire to continue the peace process that ensures security and stability for all and gives rights to those who are entitled to them."

At the same time, apparently alluding to the soon-to-be-announced government guidelines and maiden speech by Netanyahu in the Knesset this week, Syrian Television made clear Netanyahu's own words may be decisive in shaping the Arab response.

"Prime minister-elect Netanyahu should take into consideration, while drafting his government's policy, these factors and facts that will have repercussions on the entire peace process and the situation in the region."

In Washington, Jordan's King Hussein told Clinton during a meeting Thursday evening that he will work to tone down any Arab League statements in Cairo that could hinder the peace process.

"It's quite clear the king intends at the summit to take this position. It's not a matter of the

US asking him," the official said. "The king very much shares our views that it's important the Arab world takes a position at this point that is not condemnatory, not pre-judging, leaves the door open to the new Israeli government and doesn't force it to react," he said.

During their White House meeting, Hussein "reinforced the importance of the Jordanian-Israeli dialogue and of the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, which the king has an interest in," he added.

"The king is concerned about the possibility of a breakdown of the peace process, but does not want that to come about because of positions taken by the Arab world. He recognizes this is a transitional moment for Israel."

In a closed meeting in New York on Friday with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Christopher said that the Arabs should take into account Netanyahu's political realities when they convene in Cairo on Friday.

Christopher also said he is disappointed with Syria's sponsorship of terrorism and drug trafficking but is willing to maintain a dialogue with Damascus and will not close any options, the conference's director, Malcolm Hoehnlein, said.

The US hopes that at the Arab summit, the Syrians will "avoid statements or actions that would make progress on the Syrian track less likely," the official said. Recent statements in the Syrian press on the incoming Israeli leader were "certainly unhelpful," he added.



Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat (right) and Sheikh Hamed Betawi, the Waqf director in Nablus, listen to a sermon in a mosque in the city on Friday. The Palestinian Council met there to discuss the future of the peace process following the election of Benjamin Netanyahu. (AP)

PA: No peace unless Israel keeps its commitments

REFLECTING deepening Arab fears, Palestinian officials said Friday they are worried Benjamin Netanyahu's emerging government will reverse the past years' gradual Israeli-Palestinian rapprochement.

Netanyahu's evasiveness regarding Israel's commitment to withdraw troops from Hebron, topped the list of immediate concerns at sessions of the Palestinian legislative council in Nablus over the weekend.

After a five-hour meeting of Yasser Arafat's cabinet Friday night, the Palestinian Authority issued a statement calling on Netanyahu to immediately withdraw from Hebron after taking office.

"Violations of the agreements will endanger the entire peace process," the statement said.

Cabinet minister Saeb Erakat said Netanyahu's choice "is between peace and no peace. There is no option in between." He added that Israel also still needed to establish "safe passage" routes between Gaza and the West Bank and release more Palestinian prisoners.

On Friday, the IDF placed part of the tense city under curfew after two firebombs were thrown at soldiers. No injuries were reported.

An opinion poll published Friday showed that 57 percent of the population wants to proceed with the Hebron pullout, with 38

percent opposed. The poll of 502 had a four percent margin of error.

Nabil Shaath, a top Arafat aide and Palestinian negotiator, said Netanyahu should be given time to formulate his policies. But he added "the signs show it is going to be dangerous."

At the Palestinian council meetings, Arafat was repeatedly criticized for an inadequate reaction to the election of Netanyahu.

"Your government is not capable of confronting Netanyahu," maintained legislator Husam Khader. Coucill member Ziad Abu Amer termed Israel's upcoming change of government "the beginning of a bitter conflict between us and the other side."

The pessimistic mood came after Netanyahu on Thursday warned the Palestinians to tone down their negative rhetoric.

Palestinian officials have denied reports that Arafat's security lieutenants were threatening to drop the struggle against Islamic fundamentalist "militants" if Netanyahu slowed down the peace process.

But on Friday, Yedioth Aharonot quoted Arafat's West Bank security chief, Jibril Rajoub, as saying that if Netanyahu resumes expansion of settlements in the West Bank - as he has promised - this would be viewed as a provocation.

In an interview with Yedioth Aharonot, Egyptian Foreign

Minister Amr Moussa said Arabs were worried about Netanyahu's opposition to a Palestinian state and commitment to hold onto the Golan Heights.

"All this does not sound encouraging," Moussa was quoted as saying. "Any attempt to deny the Palestinians their right to self-determination will turn on a red warning light."

Arafat himself seemed feeble and withdrawn as he entered a Nablus mosque on Friday with the help of two guards. Another man

helped the PLO chief take off his shoes for prayers. Last month, there were reports Arafat suffered a minor stroke.

Following prayers, Arafat toured the Nablus casbah for the first time since 1967, and said he would establish a second home in Nablus for visits to the West Bank.

Later, Arafat announced the appointment to his cabinet of human rights advocate Hanan Ashrawi, a former spokesman for Palestinian negotiators. (AP)

Soldier shot near Nablus

AN IDF soldier was shot and lightly wounded near Nablus, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

The soldier was injured late Friday when his patrol tried to detain an armed man, who then opened fire. A second soldier tried to chase the assailant unsuccessfully, the army reported.

At the time of Friday's shooting, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his Cabinet were meeting in Nablus to discuss the future of the peace process following Benjamin Netanyahu's election. (AP)

Hrawi to tell summit: Stop normalization with Israel

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Lebanese President Elias Hrawi said he will urge Arab leaders at the upcoming Cairo summit to stop normalizing ties with Israel until "dignified peace" is reached.

"Lebanon's stand at the coming Arab summit in Cairo will not be to quarrel or to blame; it will call the Arab brothers not to normalize their countries' ties with Israel before dignified peace is reached," he told Beirut's Future Television on Friday night.

"What saddens Lebanon at present is the normalization of ties preceding peace which has been begun by some Arab countries,"

added Hrawi, whose remarks were published by the Beirut daily *A-Safir* yesterday.

The Cairo summit, which begins Friday, will discuss forming a unified Arab stand after Benjamin Netanyahu won last month's elections.

Hrawi reiterated Lebanon's position that attacks on the IDF in south Lebanon were legitimate as long as Israel remains in the security zone.

"When the occupying Israeli army leaves our land as a state guarantee that not one single bullet will be fired [at Israel] through our southern border," Hrawi said.

Two settlement leaders back national unity government

EVELYN GORDON

TWO settlement leaders came out on Friday in favor of a national unity government with Labor.

In a letter to prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu, the two men - Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, chairman of the Greater Jerusalem Forum, and Givat Ze'ev Mayor Shaul Mizrahi, another forum member - said such a government is essential at this time to heal the rift in the Israeli people.

"The State of Israel is facing challenges and problems on every front - diplomatic, security, economic, and social," the letter said.

"We believe that a unity government headed by you, with the

Likud and Labor at its center, would be able to unify the people, find the best possible solutions to these problems, and confront the great challenges that are facing us from within and without.

"We hope and pray that you will seriously consider our request, for the sake of the people and the country," the letter concluded.

However, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria said it does not support Kashriel's and Mizrahi's request.

"Once Mr. Netanyahu and the new government have been able to address the political damage

caused by the Oslo process over the last three years, redress the infrastructure damage done to the natural growth of [communities in] Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and established a new and constructive policy for peace and security, then there may be room for broadening the government to include Labor," said council spokesman Yehiel Leiter. "But certainly not before then."

"As long as [Kashriel and Mizrahi] emphasized that they were not speaking on behalf of the council, [their request is] legitimate," Leiter continued. "But certainly the majority opinion disagrees with them."

Two killed in road accidents

TWO people were killed and nine injured in road accidents over the weekend, while a teenager who had been injured earlier in the week died of her injuries.

Menahem David, 23, of Dimona, was killed Friday night when a large truck hit the small truck he was driving at the Nahal Zin quarry. David, a new employee of the quarry, was driving in an area forbidden to all hot large trucks that remove stone. Such a truck hit him, crushing his vehicle.

Yonatan Goldschmidt, 34, of Haifa, was killed early Friday morning when his car rammed into a safety barrier near the oil refineries. Police are investigating.

Anat Levy, 17, of Netanya, who was riding with her boyfriend on his motorcycle when a car hit them in the city on Tuesday, died of her injuries on Friday. Her boyfriend remains in serious condition.

Two men were lightly injured in the Eilat hotel district when a taxi driver ignored a yield sign and entered a junction without looking, hitting the private

car in which the two were driving. The taxi driver, who did not have a license, drove on several hundred meters after the accident, then stopped and fled, abandoning the cab. He turned himself in to police several hours later.

Two men who were riding on a motorcycle were lightly injured yesterday in a hit-and-run accident in Nazareth.

Police on Friday arrested six drivers of all-terrain vehicles (ATV) who were driving dangerously on the Beit Yanai Beach in Netanya. The police initiated the operation following numerous complaints of ATVs being driven in a manner that endangered bathers.

Last night, five people were hurt in Petah Tikva when the ATV they were riding in crashed into a private car.

As of noon Friday, eight people had been killed on the roads last week, and 54 were seriously injured. Since the start of the year, 235 people have been killed. (Itim)

US official visits jailed Palestinian human rights activist

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A US official has visited detained Palestinian human rights activist Eyad Sarraj, who appeared to be in good health, the State Department said on Friday.

"We decided to visit him because we were concerned," department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters.

"According to the State Department officer who visited him he appears to be in good health now, but he did complain about some mistreatment when he first arrived," Burns said.

"We have continued to remind the Palestinian Authority of its obligations to uphold international standards of human rights and the rule of law," he said.

On Thursday, Burns said Washington had raised concerns at the highest levels of the Palestinian Authority about the detention of Sarraj. A PLO military court ordered Sarraj, who has been jailed in the past for criticizing Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's administration, held for 15 days, his lawyer said.

Palestinian lawmakers appealed to Arafat on Thursday to free the 53-year-old psychiatrist.

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UN team abandons vigil at Baghdad compound

BAGHDAD (AP) — UN weapons inspectors ended a five-day-old vigil outside a suspect Iraqi military base yesterday as newspapers made scathing attacks on the head of the UN group charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

UN sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 53-strong team will fly out of Baghdad for Bahrain, the regional headquarters of the UN Special Commission, today.

Reporters visiting the Republican Guard building in suburban Baghdad found that the inspectors and their vehicles had left the scene yesterday.

They had blocked three entrances to the site with cars to prevent any material or documents being smuggled out of the compound.

It was not known at what time they left and the sources declined to say why the round-the-clock vigil was abandoned.

UN officials declined all comment and said all questions should be referred to the chief of

the Special Commission, Rolf Ekeus of Sweden, who is in New York.

Ekeus said Friday he would arrive in Baghdad on Wednesday to present the council's demands and noted that the inspectors currently in Iraq would probably be withdrawn soon because they were exhausted by the standoff.

The compound at the core of the latest standoff is in the middle-class suburb of Al-Qadisiyah. It is one of five military sites in and around the Iraqi capital which since Tuesday authorities have refused to allow the inspectors to search for banned weapons material.

Yesterday's move came after the UN Security Council rejected an Iraqi proposal to permit inspections of the targeted sites under certain conditions. The council insists on unconditional access to all suspect sites in Iraq.

While Iraq's government-run newspapers blasted the commission and Ekeus, they made no mention of the Security Council demand.

That resolution, adopted Friday, stopped short of threatening military force to insure compliance and has yet to draw any official comment from Iraq.

Baghdad says the inspectors include US army officers who seek to spy on Iraq's military.

The UN believes that Security Council resolutions ordering it to destroy all its long-range missiles and halt its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs along with the means of producing them.

Iraq must comply with these demands, pay war reparations and account for some 600 people missing since the 1990-91 Gulf crisis before crippling economic sanctions imposed on it for invading Kuwait in 1990 can be lifted.

On Friday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz offered to allow inspections of the targeted sites but not before the United Nations first showed why it suspects that certain sites contain illegal weapons or documents.



NATO Secretary General Javier Solana (right) bids farewell to envoy Michael Steiner, Carl Bildt's deputy, after a short meeting in Sarajevo yesterday. Solana, accompanied by supreme allied commander Gen. George Joulwan (center) met with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic to discuss IFOR's role in the upcoming Bosnian elections. (Reuters)

At least 85 killed in Indian cyclone

HYDERABAD (AP) — A cyclone and torrential monsoon rains that battered southern India for two days and killed at least 85 people yesterday headed toward Bangladesh.

The rains and the cyclone, which came out of the Bay of Bengal packing winds of up to 100 kph, destroyed nearly 450 homes in India's Andhra Pradesh state, leaving hundreds homeless, officials and news reports said.

In neighboring Bangladesh, local warning signals were hoisted in Chittagong and Khulna ports and the sea resort town of Cox's Bazar. The weather office in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, warned that a cyclone was heading toward the country.

Every year, an average of 20,000 people are killed in

Bangladesh by floods, cyclones, tornados, heat waves or cold spells. The Bay of Bengal, a warm sea, is a breeding ground for cyclones.

In India, 36 people died in Andhra Pradesh state. The worst hit was Madanpally town, 550 km south of Hyderabad, the state capital, where 23 lives were lost in the last two days, said H. S. Brahma, the state relief commissioner.

Most of them were washed away by the gushing flood waters and irrigation tank bursts.

Brahma said rescuers in boats carried more than 2,000 people to safety. Nearly 200 houses collapsed in Madanpally.

Another cyclone storm was expected to hit the area in the next 24 hours, he said.

Farther south, in Tamil Nadu state, 31 people were killed on Thursday and Friday, mostly from drowning or when houses collapsed. Two of them were killed by lightning, Press Trust of India news agency said.

At least 35 fishermen were missing off the southeastern coast and may have drowned in the choppy seas, said *The Hindu* newspaper.

Seven people were killed when they were struck by lightning and a 50-year-old woman was electrocuted when she touched an electric pole, one of many uprooted by the storm in Andhra Pradesh state, officials said.

Initial reports said large tracts of farmland in the area, about 2,000 km southeast of New Delhi were damaged by the storm.

New York lives through a week of terror

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the kind of afternoon that floods Central Park with joggers, bikers, skaters, kids, nannies with strollers.

Into that sunny swirl of life strolled a slight young man with murder on his mind.

Over the next eight days, a walking crime wave police now identify as John Royster viciously assaulted three women and battered a fourth to death.

The victims were linked only by their small builds, their vulnerability and the monster who attacked them.

Police say 22-year-old Royster, whom they describe as mentally disturbed, gave a statement detailing when he became that monster.

It was the afternoon of June 4 in Central Park just 40 yards from a crowded playground, as his mind flashed on the girlfriend who had rejected him in April and returned to her native Japan.

Just inside the park, he spied a lone woman walking.

The victim "didn't deserve the beating," detectives say Royster told them. "She did nothing to encourage it. I don't know why I did it."

Royster sexually assaulted the woman and repeatedly smashed her head against the pavement, disfiguring her so severely that it was three days before she was identified.

Fifty detectives were assigned to the case. The city rallied around the victim, much as it had seven years earlier when a gang of youths raped and brutalized a woman still known publicly only as the Central Park Jogger.

A day later, the monster emerged again — just 10 blocks south of the East Side hospital where his first victim was still in a coma.

Shelby Evans, 55, was grabbed from behind as she jogged. Police said her attacker grabbed her by the ears and smashed her face eight times into the asphalt. Only a shouting passerby saved Evans from worse damage — she spent three days in the hospital.

Before her release, the monster struck again.

It was June 7, the day the Central Park victim was identified as a 32-year-old piano teacher. Royster headed north to Yonkers, just beyond the city boundary, according to police.

A 26-year-old woman walking home on a footbridge near Van Cortlandt Park was approached from behind. Her assailant pounded her head into the bridge, leaving her face a bloody pulp. She, too, was sexually assaulted and ended up comatose. Detectives from

Yonkers and the city compared notes, drawn by the brutal similarities. But it was a fourth crime — murder — that led police to their suspect.

On Tuesday, after her morning subway ride from Queens, 62-year-old Evelyn Alvarez arrived at the Dutch Girl Cleaners that she and her husband had owned for a decade on well-heeled Park Avenue. It was 4:50 a.m. Her attacker slammed her head repeatedly onto a sidewalk; Alvarez did not survive. Police said Royster told them he robbed her of \$20 and took the subway back to a Bronx apartment where he was staying with a friend.

But this time, he had left behind a bloody fingerprint.

Detectives soon matched the print to a subway fare-beater — Royster.

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RITUAL

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paid several changes took place which helped to throw some light on the incumbent and his main rival. The Communist leader has considerable control over street rallies, while Yeltsin makes use of his control over the media.

In the last weeks of the campaign, Yeltsin went far and wide into the countryside in an attempt to balance the Communist influence there. He also dipped his hand into the revenues of the Central Bank and "borrowed" \$1 billion to pay for teachers' vacation arrears and to cover part of the state's debt to workers in the defense sector. He also used his great authority to rush some bills through the government to the same effect, namely to raise salaries and status of health and education specialists.

Wherever he went he made promises. His trip to Kazan was not only to appeal to Tatarstan, which claims independence of Moscow (through negotiations, not by violence like Chechnya), but also an appeal to some 15 million other Moslems (some say 20 million out of an electorate of 105 million) in the Russian Federation.

Yeltsin's main feat was the beginning of negotiations with the Chechen leaders and the ensuing armistice, shaky as it proved to be. Any agreement regarding the war, which had seemed so near, must be in his favor — although every child knows that the hope for true settlement between Moscow and Grozny is slim. On the other hand, both major contenders are

very vague in their future policies toward Chechnya, because the conventional wisdom is that the Russians on a whole do not want to see an independent Chechnya.

All these efforts have tipped the scales. In the last six weeks Zyuganov's campaign has ground to a halt. Most of the reformists who saw in Yeltsin the lesser evil got frightened by Zyuganov's campaign, which became harsher and more chauvinistic, an amalgam of nostalgia for the old Pakhan (Stalin) and an encroachment on what many started to cherish as their own rights to property and free speech.

When Yeltsin's lead in public opinion polls reached about 12 percent, Zyuganov started to spread rumors about the "great fraud." In the meantime more and more information was published in the Russian press about a possible coup d'etat prepared by the Communist Party.

One article had it that in 26 out of the 89 electoral constituencies the Communist Party rallied veteran military officers who would seize power if Zyuganov loses. Zyuganov also says he would concede defeat only after his own people who monitor the 93,000 polling booths confirm the counting.

Whoever wins in this tremendously important election, the loser may not accept the official count. No wonder the tension is mounting by the hour.

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COALITION

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According to some Likud sources, the scenario emerging last night is that neither the UTJ nor YB will get Housing, but each would be promised that its priorities would be implemented.

The latest Likud plan, according to these sources, is that Housing would go to a Likud minister, who would have a UTJ deputy.

Who that Likud minister would be depends on how the other portfolios are allocated. Ariel Sharon is seen as having the prior claim to the portfolio, if he does not land Finance. If he does, then the next in line is Moshe Katsav, who has made it clear he would accept nothing less than Housing.

While all these external considerations preoccupied the Likud's negotiators, the ferment inside the party intensified, as many of its leading figures had no inkling whether they would be counted among the new ministers and, if so, what portfolios they would get.

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The fact the Internal Security portfolio has now been thrown back into circulation has got many Likud hopefuls scrambling for it. This has done little to dispel the bitterness inside the party, though so far no one but Katsav has dared air his complaints.

Sheik Hasina seeks to form new Bangladesh gov't

DHAKA (AP) — Sheik Hasina, leader of the Awami League, met Anwar Hossain Manju, the secretary-general of the Jatiya Party, in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

The Jatiya Party says its support will be conditional to the release of its jailed leader and former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

The former general is serving a 13-year prison sentence for corruption. His government, was ousted in a pro-democracy movement in 1990, but Ershad was elected to parliament last week.

Sheik Hasina's response to the Jatiya Party's demand is not yet

known. Her party has won 133 of 300 seats that were voted on June 12. The Jatiya Party won 29 seats.

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worked hard to rekindle his huge former popularity.

Zyuganov, though far less charismatic a figure, has tapped the resentment felt by millions driven to poverty and the nationalist desire to restore Russia's historic greatness.

Voting has already started in some remote areas and in Chechnya, where separatists threatened to disrupt polling.

First unofficial results are expected soon after polls close in the western enclave of Kaliningrad at 1900 GMT tonight, and preliminary results from all of Russia are likely to be announced late tomorrow.

Pollsters say neither Yeltsin nor Zyuganov will win outright in the first round and will face each other in a runoff in July.

The outcome could then depend on deals with other hopefuls, among them ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, liberal economist Grigory Yavinsky and reserve general Alexander Lebed.

WONDER

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grievances is through budget transfers. If heeded, as they apparently will be, the emerging coalition's fiscal demands will add up to a price tag at least as inflationary as Shohat's wage raises.

To fulfill his Milton Friedmanite election promises, Netanyahu must not only refrain from expanding the budget — as his new partners are in effect prodding him to do — but in fact he must cut it by some NIS 5 billion, if he is serious about truly reducing the national deficits.

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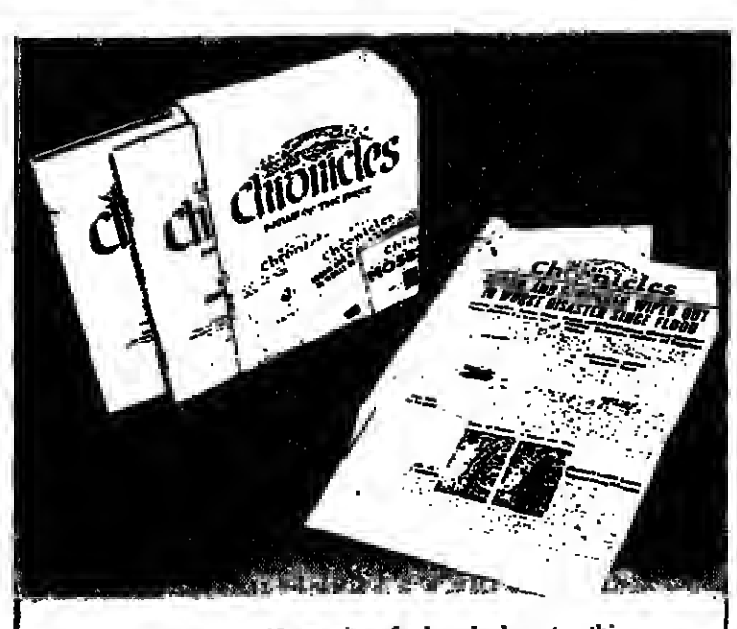
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Financial tidal wave rises from Sumitomo copper scandal

FINANCIAL ripples that threatened to become a tidal wave spread into the weekend from giant Japanese trading house Sumitomo Corp's revelation that it had lost \$1.8 billion, and possibly far more, in rogue copper trading.

The man behind what could turn out to be the biggest-ever loss in any financial market was in hiding after being fired by Sumitomo for unauthorized dealings over the past 10 years.

He was Yasuo Hamanaka, a 48-year-old trader known as "Mr Five Percent" and "Mr Hammer", who once was revered as the guru of the world copper market.

Sumitomo first announced the news in New York on Thursday, saying it had lost an estimated \$1.8 billion in unauthorized deals. But 24 hours later on Friday's

prices as the price of the metal plunged on the announcement, losses have probably climbed to over \$2.0 billion, well above the \$1.6 billion lost by California's Orange County municipality in investments in money and bond markets.

"This is probably the biggest loss that you will ever see in a financial market," said a senior manager in a major international brokerage in London.

Japan's chief government spokesman lamented a new financial scandal, which he said was evidence of the country's declining business morals.

"The moral fibre of all Japanese has deteriorated and they have become desensitized toward money," Chief Cabinet Secretary and government spokesman Seiroku Kajiyama told a news

conference. "I cannot but express deep concern that such tendencies have become widespread," he said.

Sumitomo Corp President Tomiichi Akiyama vowed the trading house would stay in the world metal markets and insisted the company's overall financial strength was strong.

"We have no plans to give up metal trading, despite the huge trading loss we made in the world copper market," Akiyama told a news conference in Tokyo.

"We deeply regret - and are profoundly embarrassed by - these severe violations of our company's business policies and our long-standing and clear standards of ethical and professional behavior," Akiyama said.

The losses at Sumitomo prompted memories of huge loss-

es rung up by traders at Barings, which was Britain's oldest merchant bank, and at Japan's Daiwa Bank.

Barings failed in 1995 after Singapore-based trader Nick Leeson ran up losses of almost \$1.4 billion through unauthorized derivatives deals.

Daiwa Bank was also bit by a scandal last year after it disclosed that a former bond trader at its New York branch incurred losses of \$1.1 billion over an 11-year period.

Daiwa was ordered to shut its US operations and in February pleaded guilty to concealing the loss and agreed to pay a \$340 million fine.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange sus-

ended trading in Sumitomo Corp shares for Friday until the dust settled.

In its New York statement, Sumitomo said it had first discovered evidence of the unauthorized trading on June 5.

Hamanaka was dubbed "Mr. Five Percent" because his trading team was believed to control five percent of the world's copper trade.

He was so influential that copper prices dropped by about 25 percent in recent weeks due largely to persistent rumors he had resigned from the firm.

Sumitomo, based in Tokyo and Osaka, said it had voluntarily notified regulatory authorities in the United States, Britain and Japan of the unauthorized trades.

While the loss is huge, it pales in comparison with Sumitomo's

annual sales of some \$152 billion.

The company, founded 400 years ago ironically on the back of a small copper mine in Japan, is one of the world's leading traders and distributors of commodities and industrial and consumer goods.

Sumitomo said it discovered the unauthorized transactions while cooperating with the US Commodities Futures Trading Commission and Britain's Securities and Investment Board in their investigation into copper prices.

During that effort, the company received a contradictory bank statement that prompted further probing by Sumitomo. At that point, Hamanaka "called his superior and confessed that he had engaged in an unauthorized series of transactions that resulted in

substantial losses that he intentionally concealed" by falsifying corporate books and records, Sumitomo said.

When the first markets opened in Asia on Friday copper prices whipsawed in volatile Asian trading, at one point dipping close to last week's two-year low of \$1,880 a ton after ending London trading overnight on Thursday at \$2,165.

The volatility continued on European markets and rippled on into the weekend.

Metal traders worldwide said the price of copper - a metal widely used, especially in electrical wiring - could fall to as low as \$1,750 or even \$1,600 a ton.

On the London Metal Exchange, three-months copper had recovered to \$2,045 a ton by Friday afternoon from an earlier low at \$1,860. (Reuters)

Clinton hits Dole on tobacco statements

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bill Clinton, in an oblique jibe at Republican challenger Bob Dole yesterday, accused politicians of parroting the tobacco company line in questioning whether smoking was always addictive.

Clinton, in his weekly radio address, also took aim at liquor companies, urging them to honour their voluntary ban on broadcast advertising.

The president did not mention Dole by name, but clearly was referring to the former senator's remark this week that he did not believe tobacco was addictive for everyone who used it.

Likewise, Clinton did not name Seagram's when he criticised "a major company" for the decision to break with tradition and air television ads for whiskey. But he urged the firm to "pull those ads."

On the smoking issue, the president seized upon Dole's comments to a sympathetic audience in the tobacco-growing state of Kentucky.

In attacking the efforts of the Food and Drug Administration to regulate nicotine as a drug, Dole said: "For some people, smoking is addictive; others, they can take it or leave it. I hope children never start."

Clinton ridiculed the idea that cigarettes were not necessarily addictive, citing the decade-old conclusion to the contrary of Surgeon General Everett Koop. He also noted that Koop held his post under Republican President Ronald Reagan.

"So when political leaders parrot the tobacco company line, say cigarettes are not necessarily addictive, and oppose our efforts to keep tobacco away from our children, they continue to cater to powerful interests, but they're not standing up for parents and children," Clinton said.

The president's re-election campaign released a two-page fact sheet listing \$368,350 that Dole had accepted from tobacco interests over the past 16 years, either for his various political campaigns or his political action committees.

It followed up with another salvo yesterday, asserting that Dole had taken 38 special flights in the last two years aboard tobacco industry corporate jets.

"Apparently when it comes to Dole's policies, you get what you pay for," scoffed campaign press secretary Joe Lockhart.

Dole later rejected the criticism, saying there was nothing wrong with accepting legal contributions from tobacco companies.

Clinton's attacks on tobacco have become a common theme of recent campaign speeches. In an appearance this week in Glendale, Calif., he said his administration was the first to ask the tobacco industry to accept regulation of advertising aimed at children.

In his radio address, the president said every day 3,000 children started smoking and that 1,000 of them would eventually die because of smoking-related problems.

Journalists on trial for insulting Tudjman

ZAGREB (AP) - The trial was adjourned Friday for two journalists charged with insulting President Franjo Tudjman in a case illustrating the Croatian leader's efforts to clamp down on independent media.

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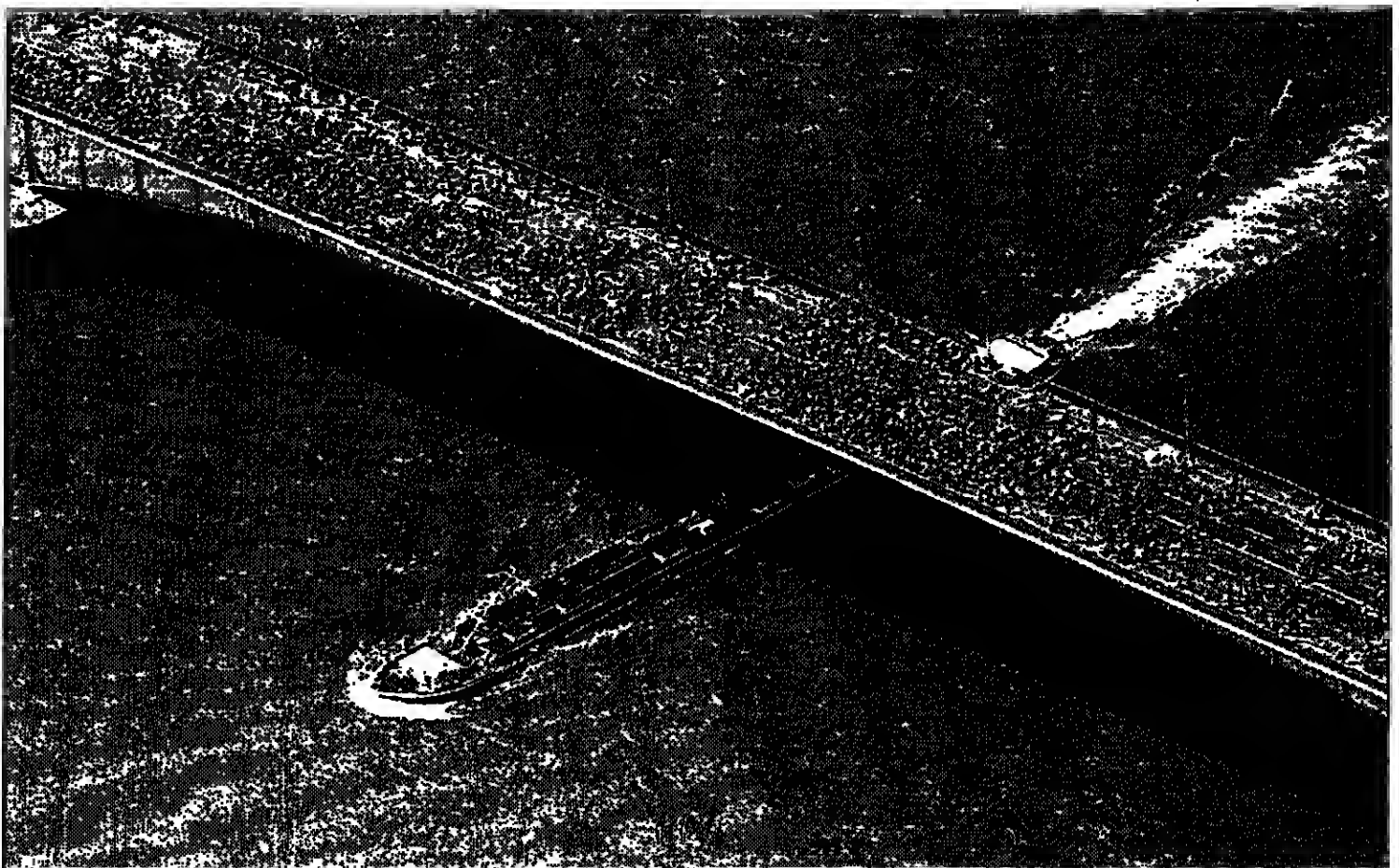
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Demonstrators march across a bridge spanning the Rhine in Bonn on their way to a protest against the German government's plans to cut public spending. Police in the German capital estimated that some 400,000 people took part. (Reuters)

Pressure mounts to oust Karadzic

FLORENCE (Reuters) - The international community is demanding the swift removal of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and has made clear that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic must help bring him to justice.

"Karadzic has to go now. He has to be eliminated from all power and influence, literally in the next few days, in the next few weeks," British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said at a major ministerial conference on Bosnia.

He cited Milosevic as a key figure who could secure the removal and extradition of Karadzic and his army commander General Ratko Mladic, both indicted by the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague for atrocities in Bosnia's 43-month war.

"We are satisfied that if he (Milosevic) wishes to, he can deliver," Rifkind told the BBC.

His comments, and those of other ministers, reflected what diplomats said was mounting impatience over Karadzic's continued presence in power and apparent defiance from Milosevic and the Bosnian Serbs of efforts to secure his extradition.

"The pressure is mounting, clearly...to obtain this kind of result as soon as possible," said Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff, the chief US delegate.

A senior Bosnian Serb at the meeting ruled out the voluntary extradition of Karadzic and said he was even considering standing in Bosnian elections in September.

"He will decide for himself whether to run or not," said Gojko Kljickovic, prime minister of the Bosnian Serb Republika Srpska. He dismissed demands for his arrest as "hysteria."

Indicted war criminals are barred from holding office under the Dayton accords that ended the Bosnian conflict or from running in elections which the conference was set to recommend should proceed

as planned by September 14.

Karadzic was repeatedly identified at the meeting as the most serious obstacle to a stable peace and to the Dayton plan to use the elections to forge Bosnia-wide common institutions for Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

US envoy Robert Frowick, head of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) mission charged with organizing the Bosnian polls, said Karadzic had to be removed either by Milosevic or Bosnian Serbs.

"Somebody has to act soon whilst the international community is there in maximum strength both militarily and on the civilian side. This is the time to do it," Frowick told reporters.

Milosevic secured a suspension of a crippling UN economic embargo imposed on rump Yugoslavia for its part in fomenting Bosnia's war after the Dayton deal was signed last December.

The head of the UN tribunal, Antonio Cassese, called in Florence for limited economic and sporting sanctions against Serbia if Karadzic and Mladic remained free.

Though Cassese's call was not endorsed by any of the major powers, diplomats said the stick of renewed sanctions was privately being waved at Milosevic.

"We certainly have made clear to Milosevic that that is an option and international pressure for such a step is growing," a senior US delegate said.

The NATO-led implementation force in Bosnia has no mandate to hunt Karadzic or other indicted criminals but troops are under orders to detain any suspects they come upon.

"They are aware of what such an adventure would entail, because the two of them are defended not only by the army and the police but by the people as well," said Kljickovic.

Liberia refugee ship missing

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Aid workers scouring the Atlantic coast of Africa from a light plane failed yesterday to spot a rusting Nigerian ship with 450 Liberian war refugees barred from ports for 18 days.

Aid workers estimate the West African refugees, many of them Liberian, must have run out of water after the vessel *Zolotisa* (Little Golden One) was last supplied on Monday.

"They have not sighted the *Zolotisa*," said Phil Doherty, a spokesman for medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF - Doctors Without Borders) which organized the search.

"They flew from Abidjan all the way to Accra and looked at Takoradi and Tema ports," Doherty said after the plane returned to Ivory Coast.

"We don't know what to do, but we've called a meeting to discuss the next step. We can only hope for the sake of the passengers that it is in some small port."

Residents of the Ghanaian capital Accra reported sighting a small white ship escorted by a navy gunboat on Friday but it had disappeared by yesterday. Its identity could not be confirmed.

MSF launched the search after Ghana forced the *Zolotisa* from port nearly a week ago and refused to give information on its whereabouts or condition.

"If there are 450 people on that small, rusting fishing boat, conditions must be pretty bad for them," said Doherty.

Jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald dies at 78

News agencies
LOS ANGELES

JAZZ singing legend Ella Fitzgerald died yesterday at her Beverly Hills home, a family spokeswoman said. Fitzgerald was 78.

Fitzgerald, who had been in poor health in recent years, died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends, the spokeswoman said. In 1993, both of her legs had to be amputated below the knees.

Fitzgerald was known as the "First Lady of Song."

In a career spanning nearly 60 years, she built a reputation among musicians and singers for her clarity of tone, rhythmic perfection and a range from sombre lows to tinkling highs.

A composer as well as a singer, Fitzgerald wrote or co-wrote a number of popular songs, including "You Showed Me the Way," "Once Is Enough for Me" and "Please Tell Me the Truth."

She had been suffering complications of diabetes for several years. In 1993, she had both legs amputated below the knees.

Miss Fitzgerald died peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, said spokeswoman Andrea Flecht. Neither she nor other colleagues would reveal the exact cause of death.

Her fans knew her as just Ella. She recorded more than 250 albums. Her voice could shatter glass or bubble with nonsense syllables in the "scat" style that became her trademark.

Her prolific work prompted an industry joke: "Poor Ella, she can't play piano. All she can do is sing everything right on the first take."

Her biggest hit, "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," which she co-wrote, is in the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Critics hailed her voice as "an ecstatic soprano," "a pure, rich sound with a great range," "full of swinging energy," "possessing a smooth, clear, jazz-infused style."

Well-known jazz critic Leonard Feather praised her "bell-like clarity of tone, range and rhythmic brilliance."

Rosemary Clooney once said: "She sounds like a tiny girl with innocence and a new approach each time she sings."

Fitzgerald's voice could become an instrument in the band, or soar above it.

During a concert tour in August 1985, she was hospitalized briefly for treatment of fluid buildup in her lungs. In July 1986, she was hospitalized again after suffering congestive heart failure.

She underwent bypass surgery the following September. In 1993, diabetes led to the double amputation.

Miss Fitzgerald was married twice, in 1941-43 to shipyard worker Benny Kornegay, and in 1948-52 to jazz bassist Ray Brown. They had a son, Ray Brown Jr.

A private funeral was planned, according to Flecht.

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Nails: A peephole into your health

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

If eyes are windows into the soul, fingernails and hair are at least a peephole into one's health. Doctors now know a great deal about latent diseases whose early signs express themselves in the appearance of these bits of protein.

Medical staff of the dermatology department of Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital have produced a 103-page, soft-cover handbook in Hebrew aimed at explaining disorders that manifest themselves in the nails and hair.

Entitled *Tzipporayim Vese'ar* and edited by department chairman Prof. Sarah Brenner, the handbook is aimed at physicians, nurses, paraprofessionals and medical students, as well as the general public.

It is chock-full of medical information and photographs but written clearly enough to be intelligible to the layman as well. Published by Dyanon Press of Tel Aviv University, the handbook follows the department's previous one about venereal diseases. The next volume, already in the making, is about skin conditions in children.

Brenner notes that at TAU's Sackler Medical School, students are not required to spend time in the dermatology department, but most of them take the option.

There, they attend lectures on changes in the fingernails and hair that can signal systemic diseases and other problems. The articles were written by Drs. Etie Tor, Marina Landau, Ronni Wolf, Yossi Ofri, Avigdor Servernik, Anat Tamir, Hagit Metz and Dana Deshau.

The senior dermatologist says she greatly welcomes intelligent, well-briefed patients. Unlike the past, when doctors tended, like aristocrats, to jealously keep information to themselves, today many prefer the patient to know about his condition and make informed decisions. The handbook thus fits in with this trend.

Both fingernails and skin are composed of a protein called keratin. Live cells produce them, but the protein is "dead" material. Changes in the nails may result from insignificant causes, such as

a bang or a minor infection, and he nothing more than an aesthetic defect. But an alert physician can also pick up the first signs of more serious pathological conditions.

Poisoning or damage resulting from taking medications can also be detected by changes in the nails, the authors note, and noticing them early can help prevent damage and lead to correct treatment or even a cure.

However, since a number of changes and signs are identical for a variety of conditions, the doctor must be very alert and well trained; a biopsy may sometimes have to be taken from the nail, so a histology exam can confirm the diagnosis.

Examining the nails to detect disease goes back many centuries. In fact, Hippocrates, who lived in Greece in the fifth century BCE, wrote about the problem of "clubbing," in which the fingers or toes thicken and the area between the nails and the skin becomes darker

and affects the direction of nail growth.

Today, it is known that clubbing is one symptom of the chronic lung disease emphysema, and distorting it early can prevent its becoming worse. It may also signify leakage in the connection between arteries and veins.

A specialist should examine all 20 digits. Toenails tend to suffer more frequently than fingernails from fungal infections, and these can often hide other signals of systemic diseases. An examination of affected fingernails thus generally provides more and better information than the toenails.

If a condition is detected, the specialist can gauge when it began by measuring the speed of nail growth; this can be estimated by the space between the proximal nail fold (the part closest to the cuticle) and the beginning of the pathological signs on the nail.

Fingernails grow at a rate of 1.9 to 4.4 millimeters a month - or

about twice or three times the growth rate of toenails. The nail can stop growing or fall out if the finger or toe suffers serious trauma, such as when a door is shut on it.

Fingernails grow faster on the controlling hand (the right if you are right-handed and vice versa); during pregnancy; in a hot climate; and in the young. But quick growth can also signal a disease, such as the skin disease psoriasis, the hormonal problem hyperthyroidism and arterial or venous leakages. Nails may grow more slowly due to an acute infection, the taking of chemotherapeutic drugs, poor diet, hypothyroidism, lack of bodily movement and a poor blood circulation.

Nails may turn yellow and opaque due to seepage of lymphatic fluid into the fingers or toes; this may also be an early sign of chronic bronchitis, sinusitis and hypothyroidism. But since taking antibiotics can also change

nail color temporarily, the doctor must rule this out before making a diagnosis.

Tiny blood hemorrhages under the nail may be the first sign of rheumatic fever, arthritis, kidney diseases, hypertension and endocarditis (an infection of the heart membrane), but it can simply be due to trauma to the nail. Lines on the nail can appear in a number of varieties. In a pattern called Beau's lines, these horizontal white lines can appear due to a lack of zinc in the body, a heart attack, chicken pox, mumps or pneumonia.

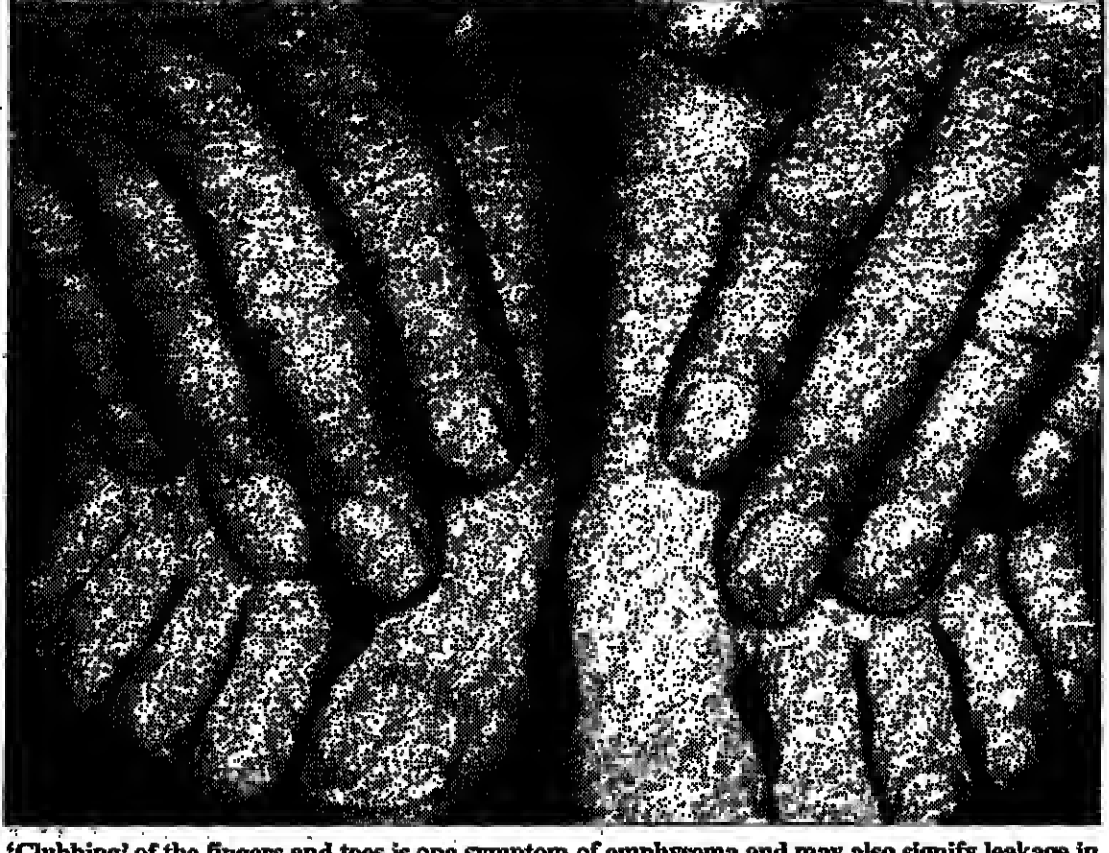
A condition called Terry's nail, in which the entire nail is white except for a thin pink sliver at the far edge, can appear in healthy people or in those with renal insufficiency. A red lunula (half moon next to the cuticle) may point to autoimmune or cardiovascular diseases or even *alopecia areata*, which leads to partial baldness in young people.

Horizontal white stripes called Mees' lines can hint at arsenic or carbon monoxide poison, as well as coronary insufficiency. Other types of lines may signal carpal-tunnel syndrome (wrist and arm pain due to pressure on nerves) or even breast cancer.

One of the most frequent reasons for patients consulting with dermatologists is hair loss. This can result from anxiety and tension, but also from nutritional deficiencies (including anemia), pregnancy, infections and the use of medications.

The authors discuss the various stages in hair growth and the structure of the hair shaft. Various types of partial and complete baldness are discussed and illustrated in photographs. There are rare but disturbing congenital hair diseases, such as *Menkes' kinky hair syndrome* (caused by faulty copper absorption by the intestines and showing up as knots and spirals); "bamboo hair"; woolly hair syndrome (extremely curly hair) and "uncombable hair" (in which the hair shaft grows in a triangular rather than round shape).

The NIS 21 handbook, available at Dyanon bookstores in the universities, is worth reading - but hypochondriacs are warned to keep away.



'Clubbing' of the fingers and toes is one symptom of emphysema and may also signify leakage in the connection between arteries and veins.



Doctors have long considered gall bladder surgery during pregnancy very risky. New methods have lowered the risk. (Frank Smith)

Gall bladder surgery possible during pregnancy

HEALTH SCAN
POST HEALTH REPORTER

PREGNANT women who must have their gall bladder removed need not wait until after delivery; laparoscopic ("key-hole") surgery can be effective and safe for performing cholecystectomies during pregnancy.

This was reported by Drs. Dov Klein, Arie Orenstein, Danny Rosin and Amram Ayalon of Sheba Hospital's departments of plastic surgery and of general surgery and transplantation in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association. The surgeons related the case of a 26-year-old woman in her 22nd week of pregnancy who had been hospitalized with complaints of abdominal cramps that did not respond to conventional treatment. Eighteen weeks after laparoscopic surgery, she gave birth to a healthy baby in a normal delivery.

For years, doctors have regarded pregnancy as a contra-indication to laparoscopic surgery for removing an inflamed or stone-filled gall bladder. But improved techniques and increased experience have greatly reduced the risks. The Sheba case, and a small but impressive number of previous cases in which the procedure has successfully been performed on pregnant women, strengthen the view that pregnancy should not rule it out.

The surgeons found that increasing air pressure inside the abdomen, which is necessary for carrying out the remote-control surgery, is not harmful to the mother or fetus. If great care is taken, the uterus will not be harmed. Laparoscopy also offers a number of benefits: the large scar produced by conventional abdominal surgery could open up due to the woman's growing abdomen, but in laparoscopy, there are only a few tiny scars. In addition, patients are more mobile after keyhole surgery, reducing the risk of blood clots. The patients need less anesthesia and have more strength to take care of their babies.

In any case, the Sheba doctors recommended that if a cholecystectomy operation could be postponed until after delivery, this was the best policy, just to be on the safe side.

MICE INTO RATS

Veterinary researchers have found a way to transplant long-frozen sperm-producing cells from one animal to another - and even from one species to another. The technique could ultimately make possible the genetic preservation of valuable animals or endangered species and offer new hope to men who cannot produce sperm for various reasons, including having undergone anti-cancer chemotherapy.

Dr. Ralph Brinster of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine wrote in *Nature* and *Nature Medicine* that the technique could lead to advanced genetic engineering of large animals, such as pigs that could be manipulated to provide critical organs for human transplants, as well as various species that could be used as "models" for complex human genetic diseases.

Since the transplants succeeded across such diverse species as rats and mice, sperm-cell transplantation could be relevant to any mammalian species, Brinster wrote. It could even lead to the freezing of the sperm cells of a man facing sterility, or a species facing extinction, and resurrecting them later in an animal host that would produce the donor's sperm.

The researchers removed testicular "stem" cells that manufacture sperm from fertile mice, froze them for months, thawed them and transplanted them into the testes of other mice that previously had been made sterile. The cells promptly settled in and started generating sperm. Those sperm, however, carried genes from the long-dead donor animals, not from the recipients. The new technique is very different from using frozen sperm, which have been used for years for *in-vitro* fertilization. But in many species, survival of frozen sperm is very poor. In mice, every stem cell produces as many as 4,000 spermatozoa, each of which is slightly different because of the way the sperm-generation process constantly shuffles the genetic deck. As a result, stem cells carry the potential for enormous diversity. Each mature sperm cell contains only half of the male's set of genes, and there are some differences among the genes in mature sperm cells that arise because of minor genetic rearrangements.

"This is immediately applicable to farm animals and endangered species," where opportunities to produce offspring are often missed because too little sperm is available, Brinster said. Such sperm-making cells can be isolated from animals of all ages, even old ones no longer able to produce progeny.

Reproductive physiologist George Seidel, at Colorado State University, said sperm-making mice might eventually replace bulls. "A bull is just a one-ton machine to perfuse blood through testes to make sperm," he said. "So maybe this is just a different way of doing it that is less expensive."

Running hospitals with a business strategy

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Two US experts on how to get more out of medical care for less money made their point to a Jerusalem audience even before they began to speak: distributed lecture notes - with detailed diagrams, models and key facts - were laser-printed on both sides of each piece of paper.

Prof. Stephen Plume, president of the Lahey Hitchcock Clinic in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Prof. Donald Berwick, president of Boston's Institute for Healthcare Improvement, are advocates of controlling the burgeoning costs of medical care by reducing waste and improving patient satisfaction.

Their proposals shook up their audience of a few hundred senior doctors and medical administrators in Sheba Zedek Hospital's Steinberg Auditorium. Many were unsure whether all the quality improvement methods used in the US could - or should - be applied in Israel, but all agreed that much could be done to reduce waste of local medical resources.

Last month's seminar was organized by the Israel Medical Association, the Center for Quality and Excellence in the Prime Minister's Office, the Health Ministry, the JDC-Brookdale Institute and the Middle East Program for Medical Quality Improvement.

Berwick noted that 15% of America's gross national product now goes to health care. This has doubled every two years during the past decade, and is the "upper limit" for growth.

If the US wants to offer decent medical care to its residents, he said, more must be done to cut costs without harming the patient. Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) are now the main providers of health services in the US.

Unlike Israel's health funds, they are for-profit companies and are not open to anyone who wants to be a paying member. Thus saving money is a major aim of HMOs, as well as of the US government, which fears ever-growing subsidies of health care.

Berwick suggested that their aims should be reducing the use of inappropriate

surgery, hospital admissions and tests; promoting the prevention of disease and injury in healthy populations; reducing unwanted care in terminally-ill patients; and streamlining the use of pharmaceuticals, especially of antibiotics and of superfluous and often clashing drug prescriptions for the elderly.

In addition, he said, patients should be actively involved in decisions on what medical options to choose; inventories of medical supplies should be reduced; and wasteful, duplicative recording of information on patients should be minimized.

Those doctors who claim universal criteria are used for treatment can't deny that what treatment a patient gets often depends on where he lives.

In one US city, 70% of the women up to the age of 70 have undergone a hysterectomy; in a nearby city, only 20% have had their uterus removed. Increased expenditures do not automatically result in a reduced burden of illness, he asserted.

Plume suggested that in the average hospital, 30% to 50% of all costs represent waste. Hospitals should be run with a business strategy, and there is no reason for doctors to be ashamed to call their patients "customers" of medical services. This economic jargon and philosophy, Plume insisted, did not necessarily mean money rather than medical considerations would decide what treatment they would receive.

Today's health care is "a mess" of complexity, Plume continued. For example, a surgeon who performs an artificial hip replacement can choose among six different types of implants. Each one requires a different set of implements, surgical rules and training for staffers, but it has not been proven that an option of only one or two reduces the patient's recovery and function.

Plume's Lahey Hitchcock Clinic is not a "clinic," in the way Israelis use the term. It is a giant, not-for-profit organization run by physicians under the guidance of a board of trustees, with 8,500 employees, 900 staff

physicians plus 200 residents and interns. It has an annual operating budget of \$700 million, owning two tertiary hospitals and 80 affiliated medical facilities in three New England states.

ONE OF the medical problems treated "wastefully" was urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women aged 18 to 55. The Lahey-Hitchcock Clinic managed to revolutionize medical and bureaucratic procedures and to save \$500,000 a year merely on this problem, resulting in "increased patient satisfaction and no increase in complications."

UTIs are very common in women of this age group, as bacteria from the rectum manage to get into the urinary tract, causing pain, frequent urination and other symptoms.

In conventional treatment (the standard used in Israel), the woman calls her doctor, is transferred to an appointment secretary and visits her doctor, who takes her medical history and performs a physical exam.

Then a urine sample is taken by "dipstick," another sample is taken for chemical analysis, and another is sent for culture. When the results are available a day or two later, the patient comes back to get a prescription. Another follow-up visit and, possibly, additional tests, are carried out. The cost of this whole procedure in the US, including time and wages lost from work, can reach \$500 per patient.

Under the Lahey-Hitchcock system, a woman who has had UTI before calls the clinic and is transferred to a specially trained nurse.

In about eight minutes, the nurse interviews the patient, listening to her description of symptoms and comparing them with her previous bouts with UTI. If convinced that the patient has the same thing again, she arranges for a prescription by telephone and the patient takes the drug for 10 days or so.

The nurse then calls the patient at a convenient pre-set time to hear if she has recovered. If not, the patient is asked to

come in to see the doctor. Outcome studies show the infection was eradicated in 95% of the patients and misdiagnosis was rare. Plume notes that such a system wouldn't be used for elderly women or children, for whom inappropriate treatment of UTIs can result in serious complications.

Traditional-minded doctors might argue that the antibiotic has to be tailored to the specific bacteria that caused the infection, and that this could be identified only by doing a culture.

If the woman were given the wrong antibiotic, and then had to return for another type, it could increase the already dangerous resistance of bacteria to antibiotics. Other doctors might argue that antibiotics are broad-based enough to defeat a wide variety of bacteria, and that the US studies prove the short-cut care was highly effective.

Shaare Zedek director-general Prof. Jonathan Halevy, however, said that some of these changes fly in the face "of all that we were taught in medical school. We were instructed not to diagnose patients over the phone, but to take a medical history and carry out a careful examination." Plume said that today's physicians must be willing to abandon those axioms that prove unnecessary or no-longer useful.

Halevy said later that the US model could not be adopted *en bloc* in an Israeli setting, where the connection between doctor and patient is much more intimate and the distances much smaller. The whole reimbursement system - in which doctors are paid (or paid bonuses) according to how many patients they see in the clinic - would have to be revised under such a model.

But the director-general said Israeli doctors and administrators had much to learn from the American guest lecturers, especially from their suggestions on reducing superfluous tests and treatment procedures and waste of medications. With a NIS 1 billion deficit in the new national health insurance system, money had to be saved if it could be done without harming the patient.

The changing types of sutures

Rx FOR READERS
POST HEALTH REPORTER

Why do surgeons sometimes use sutures that have to be removed later and in other operations prefer the type of sutures that are absorbed by the body? Y.S., Jerusalem.

Dr. Shmuel Eldar, director of the surgery department of Bnai Zion Hospital in Haifa, replies:

For many years, all surgical sutures were made from the intestines of cats (giving it the name catgut) or pigs. Silk was also used, but since those sutures were made of twisted fibers instead of a single filament, bacteria multiplied rapidly among the fibers and infections sometimes resulted.

Several decades ago, synthetic and metallic sutures and then metal clips were introduced. Removable metal clips, quickly inserted with a stapler-like device, are effective and becoming increasingly popular for use on the skin.

Sutures that are absorbed by the body are used if they need to be there only temporarily to hold the tissues together. After six weeks to a few months, they are broken down by the body and disappear by the time the cut has healed. These are especially useful if the site has good blood flow, thereby speeding recovery, and if it doesn't involve a lot of tension that would pull the sutures apart.

But there are some internal tissues whose recovery is slow, such as ligaments or abdominal tissue requiring a hernia repair. In these cases, the surgeon may prefer to use non-absorbable suture. When sewing up the skin, one can use either. Whether the scar will be prominent or not does not depend on the type of suture, but more dependent on the individual reac-

tion of the body. Price is not a factor in the selection, as both the non-absorbable and self-absorbable sutures are synthetic.

Why does the Health Ministry allow milk to be sold in transparent containers when it is known that exposure to light destroys vitamins A and D that are added to the milk? Shouldn't all milk be sold in opaque cartons to prevent this from happening? M.D., Ra'anana.

Dr. Brian Cousins, a food technologist who is director of the Health Ministry's Food Service Division, replies: Vitamins in milk can be destroyed only as a result of long-term exposure to the ultraviolet rays in sunlight, not from artificial light in stores. It would take much

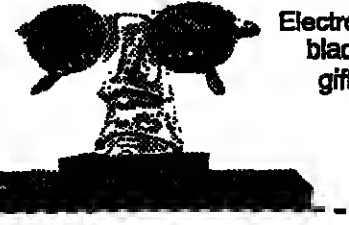
exposure to produce an appreciable reduction in the milk's vitamin content.

Under today's marketing conditions, plastic milk containers are not exposed to much sunlight, and even if they were I don't know how much UV rays can pass through the plastic. In any case, the transparent plastic containers are widely used now in the US and most of the Western world.

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Outrage in Manchester

IF anyone had any remaining doubts about why the Irish Republican Army has no place in the peace talks on the future of Northern Ireland, the reason thundered across Manchester yesterday. The car bombing of a shopping center, on a festive weekend when Manchester was hosting thousands of foreign visitors to the European soccer championships, was an act of the most dastardly and callous brutality. The fact that a customary coded warning was given in no way excuses the continuing use of mindless violence in a dispute in which the democratic people of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Britain are unanimously committed to resolving around a conference table.

Even with the warning, an astounding 200 people were wounded, some seriously, so the cowardly deed may yet turn again into an act of murder of the innocent. It is well past the time for the thugs who run this so-called "army," whose only enemy seems to be the innocent citizens of peaceful British cities, to realize that their day is done, finished, and gone for ever.

The visible fury of Irish President Mary Robinson and Prime Minister John Bruton at the outrage mirrors the feelings of all Irish people that the IRA terrorists of today are not any inheritors of the mantle of those who fought with honor for Irish independence. They may style themselves as such, but the characters of the seven vicious, humorless heads of the IRA council are well known in Ireland. Heroes they are not, representatives of Irish aspirations they are not, patriots they most assuredly are not.

As to the IRA's alleged political wing, Sinn Fein, its leader Gerry Adams yesterday lost an historic opportunity to sever finally his party's fellow-traveling with this crude terrorist organization. By refusing to accept British Prime Minister John Major's invitation to codemn the atrocity in Manchester, Adams has chosen the path of cowardice and mealy-mouthed equivocation. He claimed to be saddened by the injuries and committed to the path of peace, yet unbelievably declined to make an outright condemnation.

Adams simply cannot continue to swear allegiance to the ballot box while hiding the box of bullets behind his back. It is perfectly clear he no longer has any influence over the handful of men of violence who are attempting to set the agenda for two democratically elected governments. If he has no credibility with the IRA, he should at least seek it with the democrats. It is time for Sinn Fein to declare openly that the party's recent successes in Northern Irish elections mark a severance of its links with the gunmen, and that the vote proves the Irish nationalist voters' desire for democratic process, not for gangster rule. Elected or not, if

Adams does not admit openly that he cannot control the IRA, the world can only conclude that he does not want to.

If Sinn Fein were to renounce the IRA, the party would carry substantial weight, along with other democratic groups, in representing the nationalist cause at the Northern Ireland peace talks. If Adams cared one whit about his voters, he would realize he could achieve more for them as a democratic leader than as the ineffectual patsy of the republican mafia.

Most commentators noted that the talks which began in Belfast last week were killed as an historic opportunity, yet were taking place under the shadow of the same war they are supposed to end. Sinn Fein's assertion that, while the IRA had declared an end to its ceasefire the group was virtually inactive, proves if anything how little Adams now understands the type of people who run the army council. The Manchester bomb speaks loud and clear of what an end to an IRA cease-fire means. If Adams were able to speak as clearly for peace as the godfathers of violence speak for war, the Irish peace process could take a giant leap out of the past and into the future.

Partly because of Britain's often hypocritical preaching to other countries (such as Israel) on how to handle their internal problems, and partly because of genuine admiration for Ireland's long fight for independence, the IRA has for too long been granted an indulgence for its so-called "struggle" which it does not deserve. Democratic governments in Ireland have long complained that a fuzzy idealization of the IRA, especially by fund-raising Irish-Americans, has severely hampered attempts to bring the organization under control.

It is high time the international community came to the aid of all governments battling terrorism. With the stagnant ideologies of the Cold War and "liberation struggles" behind it, the world now needs a clear, unequivocal, and universally accepted definition of terrorism which would take it firmly outside the borders of political dissent and well inside those of criminality, where it belongs. Too many news agencies, who would never refer to mafia as anything but gangsters, continue to report the IRA as "guerrillas." The battle against terrorism must become a determined international effort. There are no heroes in the IRA, no glory in bombing London or Manchester shopping centers, no Celtic golden age waiting at the end of "the struggle." The bombers of Manchester are liars, criminals, and terrorists. It's as simple as that, and the legal remedy to wipe them out and put them behind bars should now be pursued with vigor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOME BIRTH

Sir, - I must respond to Charles Krauthammer's article of June 2, "Lost child," where he writes about 39-year-old Nancy Miner whose baby died during a home birth. Mr. Krauthammer feels the parents should be charged with murder. Had Ms. Miner been in the hospital and died as a result of a cesarean section, I suspect that Mr. Krauthammer would be saddened, but would understand that there are no guarantees in life or birth.

In 1980, when I had my second cesarean section (the anesthesia didn't take - so much for the wonders and "guarantees" of technology), I would have thought that home birth was outrageous, dangerous and almost nonexistent in the US. But during my third pregnancy in 1985, I discovered a large group of women who felt they had suffered both physical and emotional damage at the hands of a medical system which believes, as does Mr. Krauthammer, that birth is a great peril that can only be survived with technology. About half these women, much to my amazement, planned home births. I have since learned that planned home birth with good prenatal care and good nutrition compares favorably to hospital birth in outcome. Eighty years ago in the US, public health was not what it is today, just as the adult life span was not as long as it is now, so it is unreasonable to compare neonatal mortality rates from 80 years ago with those of today and to conclude that every mother must give birth in a hospital.

Labor is not usually easy, nor is it usually among life's most searing pains. It is quite gallant that Mr. Krauthammer would save the world's women the pain of labor, but he foolishly does not stop to consider the price. No form of chemical analgesia has yet been discovered which does not penetrate the placenta and reach the neonate. Science leaps head with new discoveries, only later to discover the drawbacks. In the field of childbirth

A JEWISH STATE

Sir, - Esther Hecchi ("Who needs democracy," May 31) foresees a lack of democratic values in the inevitable religious population explosion two or three generations hence, but there is another perspective. While religious Jews are not perfect, and some of their behavior tends to alienate, Western democracies are not free of flaws, such as corruption, hypocrisy and governing for special interests. A contemporary government under Torah law has never been tried and the results may be surprising. For example: women's half-dressed bodies would not be exploited to promote the sale of seaside villas, sex would not be decried to attract teenagers to movies and concerts of foreign stars. Manual labor would be restored to dignity, as described in the Bible's agricultural laws and in the Mishna (Avot 1:2 and Avot 2:2). Various halachic prohibitions (Leviticus 19:16) would prevent Yedior Aharonot from endangering the life of a spy for Israel just to gain a scoop. Extrapolating the present lower statistics on crime, drug use, family violence, etc. in the religious sector, the population, generations hence, mostly religious, would require a smaller police force and the money saved could be used for social welfare. By biblical injunction (Exodus 23:9) we would not discriminate against new immigrants or strangers in our midst. Youngsters would rise for elderly passengers in buses, (Leviticus 19:32). We would be a Jewish State.

HADASSAH PRERO
Jerusalem.

DEBORAH WUNSCH BACH
BirthWorks Facilitator
Haifa.

INAPPROPRIATE

Sir, - Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu could not have chosen a less appropriate venue to eulogize the late prime minister Rabin than the annual memorial ceremony (on June 4) for the 16 victims of the attack on the Ahtalena off the Tel Aviv beach in 1948.

The officer who fired the "Holy Cannon" (as David Ben-Gurion called it) on the Ahtalena and who then shot at the survivors escaping from the burning ship, who were swimming and wading towards the shore, was Lt.-Col. Yitzhak Rabin. EDGAR SAPPHERE
Givatayim.

FAIR COVERAGE

Sir, - As a long-time subscriber, I am renewing my subscription again because of fair and non-partisan coverage of the Israel elections. It is amazing how the Israeli media sided with Labor. They did everything from not reporting all the bad news on the economy to playing sad music after Bibi won the election. Thank you.

ELI KRAKAUER
Jerusalem.

As the adults panicked, the girls attended to Padgett, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation until help arrived. "It was a by-the-book rescue," said a fire department spokesman. "They did exactly what you're supposed to do."

Neither girl had taken a formal class before that day.



Hi-tech's 'people problem'

PAUL HIRSCHHORN

IF the incoming government is sincere in its declared intent to launch a new economic era, it will have to turn its attention to the looming shortage of technological personnel, already being felt in some industries, that could bring Israel's impressive economic growth to a grinding halt.

A recent survey by the software division of the Israel Manufacturers Association projects a shortfall of some 1,000 computer professionals by as early as the end of this year. Industry sources predict a lack of sufficient personnel in the fields of electronics and systems analysis as well.

The situation is so bad that some companies are considering importing software experts from India. "It is increasingly apparent that the demand of Israel's burgeoning industrial complex for engineers and technologists is fast outstripping the output of all Israel's universities," says Technion president Zehev Tadmor.

"Unless this trend is corrected, Israeli industry - particularly high-tech - will lose the momentum brought about by a fortuitous coincidence of the massive Russian immigration and the peace process." At a gathering of concerned industrialists earlier this year, Elishai Yanai, managing director of Motorola Israel and chairman of the Israel Managing Directors Forum for Technological Education warned that the current situation, with its extreme shortage of hardware and software engineers for high-tech industry, could lead to a catastrophe in the economy.

"Owing to the inability to recruit employees, new high-tech plants are not being set up in Israel," he said. "And existing ones are not being expanded." This situation of stagnation means regression, Yanai pointed out, adding that the quantity of engineering students is "insufficient."

This shortage is already reflected in the country's growing trade deficit, preventing full exploitation of our existing technological potential, according to economist Shlomo Maital. That potential is significant, says Prof. Maital, noting that

percent by the end of this decade. A formal request on this to the Planning and Budgetary Committee of the Israel Council of Higher Education is currently being prepared.

In the past, Israel's economy was ensured by prescient action by its institutions of higher education. The establishment of chemical engineering departments accelerated the development of the chemical industries; the inauguration of a department of aeronautical engineering in the early 1950s, then considered a white elephant, led the way to development of the aircraft industries.

Today it is clear that the training of more engineers in computers, electronics and other high-tech fields will provide a similar foundation for new industries. Significant funding will be needed to support the concurrent increases in university enrollment that will be required. It will be necessary to build more dorms, labs, classrooms, as well as a wide range of other facilities.

Where will the universities get the money for this expansion? In 1988-93, when high-tech industry came to center stage, government funding in higher education increased from 56 percent to 67 percent of the universities' total operating expenses.

However, say heads of academia, this increase, even combined with substantial support from overseas donors, will not provide sufficient funds for the expansion and development required to meet the needs of Israeli industry into the 21st century. More government funding to higher education will be necessary.

Israel engineers have a reputation for combining the creativity of American engineers and the loyalty to the workplace of the Japanese with a sense of national purpose. But this relative qualitative advantage isn't enough.

Producing a sufficient quantity of engineers - while maintaining the level of their quality - is no less important for Israel's economic future. The Technion has already responded, announcing a new program to expand enrollment (just over 10,000 today) by about 35

of America's \$7 trillion GDP - Israel emerges," Maital points out, "as the world's most prolific producer of scientific and engineering knowledge by a wide margin." But here's the dark side: Israel has done poorly in converting this impressive scientific comparative advantage into exports.

"In 1995 Israel ran a \$10.2b. trade deficit, and a \$4.2b. balance of payments deficit (after deduction of US aid and other transfer payments), threatening the long-run stability and well-being of the country's fast-growing economy. It is the number one economic problem."

The reasons for this failure? According to Maital, much of our scientific capability remains trapped in the laboratory. Only a fraction gets transferred to the marketplace.

What we urgently need, Maital says, is "a cadre of bold, innovative entrepreneurs to parody creative new products into export success."

IN RESPONSE to the expanding personnel shortage, industry has called on the universities to considerably increase their enrollment.

The writer is a marketing communications consultant for the hi-tech industry and the Technion.

Winding down

ELLEN HOROWITZ

TWO years ago, while working for a crisis intervention hotline, I received a call from a woman who said, "I'd like to report a rape." My heart sank as I was sure I recognized her voice. Then she exclaimed, "This entire country is being raped by the government!"

Sick joke? Maybe - except, in a way, that was how we were feeling at the time. A gamut of emotions including feelings of vulnerability, fear, humiliation and confusion were all part and parcel of a forced government policy which there was no stopping. Right-wing activists like myself are angry and bitter over revolutionary reversals of government policy implemented by the Labor-Meretz coalition. For traditional Zionists, our world was turned upside down.

The handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat was but one incident in three-and-a-half years of trauma. It was sheer panic that led to the anti-government protests. And we still haven't recovered from the funerals, police brutality and abuse by the media.

So when Bibi calls for national reconciliation, it's difficult to swallow, even though most of us realize that healing old wounds and rifts should be a national priority. We activists have the additional problem of winding down our activities. A lot of us are still fired up and ready to swing into action at the first phone call.

We can't yet make the transition from grassroots opposition members crusading for a just cause to regular citizens allowing our duly-elected government representatives to work for us. We're having difficulty watching our idealistic struggle taken down several rungs in order to enter the arena of politics - an arena where the motto "political promises are made to be broken" rules the day.

It's disheartening to watch victorious Knesset members groveling and haggling over portfolios. It's especially unsettling to see the representatives of religious parties playing this kind of game. Religion and politics is an ugly combination, but necessary in a country which is trying to preserve its Jewish identity. We were hoping that with the miracle of electoral victory would come the additional miracle of dignified politics - but no such luck.

Some of my colleagues have joined in the fray by activating phone lists and faxing Knesset members in order to apply pressure on Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu to award certain MKs prize portfolios. Not only is this activity premature, but I'll go out on a limb and call it downright immature for the following reasons:

• Their information regarding portfolios is based on media leaks - the same media we criticized for bias and unfairness. • We put our trust in Netanyahu, and he is much more capable of appointing his staff than we are. • Although certain MKs were fiercely dedicated to our cause, they may not fit in with Bibi's program of national reconciliation, and they may present an image problem. • It's far preferable to have a prime minister, who appoints portfolios based on competence rather than one who grants political favors. SO FOR those who feel compelled to send a fax, why not encourage the incoming government rather than lambast it - our side won, remember? It's been said that Shulamit Aloni, who I understand was in her day an effective member of the opposition, was never able to make the transition into a dignified member of the government coalition. We should not follow her example, but rather accept the new mantle of leadership. So let's stop being critical, and redirect our efforts in a positive and supportive direction. The time may come when we need to unfurl those banners again, but in the meantime, for those who need to re-channel their energies, there's no lack of worthy causes out there. We accomplished what we set out to do, and we did the best we could. But for the moment, things are out of our hands. So, to rephrase a Labor/Meretz sound bite that I used to gag on - "Give Bibi a chance." The writer is a free-lancer.

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AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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Hillary prepares for Poland visit

BY ROBERT NOVAK

A high-level White House advance team has been in Poland, preparing for an as-yet-unannounced visit by Hillary Rodham Clinton to Warsaw and Krakow. Democrats hope it will reap a rich ethnic-vote harvest for the Clinton-Gore ticket.

The July trip also will include stops in the Czech Republic, Hungary and other countries with strong ethnic ties to the United States. President Clinton has given his wife access to his speech-writing team, and she is being briefed by key State Department officials.

Eastern European ethnic leaders have criticized Clinton for delays in enlarging NATO to include Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The president's strategy is for the first lady to deliver major policy speeches on her trip, winning acclaim abroad and quieting critics in such states as Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

NETANYAHU AND LOTT

Soon after his election as prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu engaged in a long Jerusalem-to-Washington telephone call with an important ally: Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, who is about to replace Robert J. Dole as majority leader.

That raised eyebrows and caused surprise in Democratic quarters. Aides told this columnist that to the best of their knowledge, Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle did not talk to the Israeli leader.

Netanyahu has close ties with conservative Republicans. Jack Kemp, Lott's friend and political ally, introduced Lott and Netanyahu (who are now on a "Trent" and "Bibi" first-name basis). Their phone call was arranged by Richard Fox, a prominent Philadelphia Republican and Jewish community leader who played an active role in the presidential campaigns of Kemp and Steve Forbes.

PURGE THE POPULIST

Well-placed congressional Democrats are talking about purging 80-year-old Rep. Henry Gonzalez, a sometimes eccentric populist, as chairman of the Banking Committee if their party regains control of the House in this year's election.

Gonzalez's feud with the Federal Reserve Board has been in the tradition of Texas populists, but Democratic colleagues are frequently embarrassed by his conduct, such as his refusal to participate in the House's daily pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Gonzalez would be succeeded by the next senior member of the Banking Committee, 56-year-old Rep. John LaFalce of New York, who has served in Congress for 22 years.

PURGE THE LIBERAL

Religious conservatives, who were trashed by Sen. Arlen Specter in his short-lived bid for the Republican presidential nomination, are making plans to get even in 1998 by opposing his renomination for his Pennsylvania seat.

Key national political operatives view Rep. Robert Walker, a highly influential member of the House Republican leadership and a key adviser of Speaker Newt Gingrich, as the best challenger against Specter. But Walker, who is retiring from the House after 10 terms, is saying no to the Senate bid. He does not relish the idea of trying to raise \$7 million for such a campaign.

Specter campaigned for president by stressing his abortion-rights position and attacking the Christian Coalition. He easily defeated an anti-abortion challenger in the 1992 Republican primary, but next time will have to face the fully mobilized power of the religious right.

TEA FOR ARISTIDE?

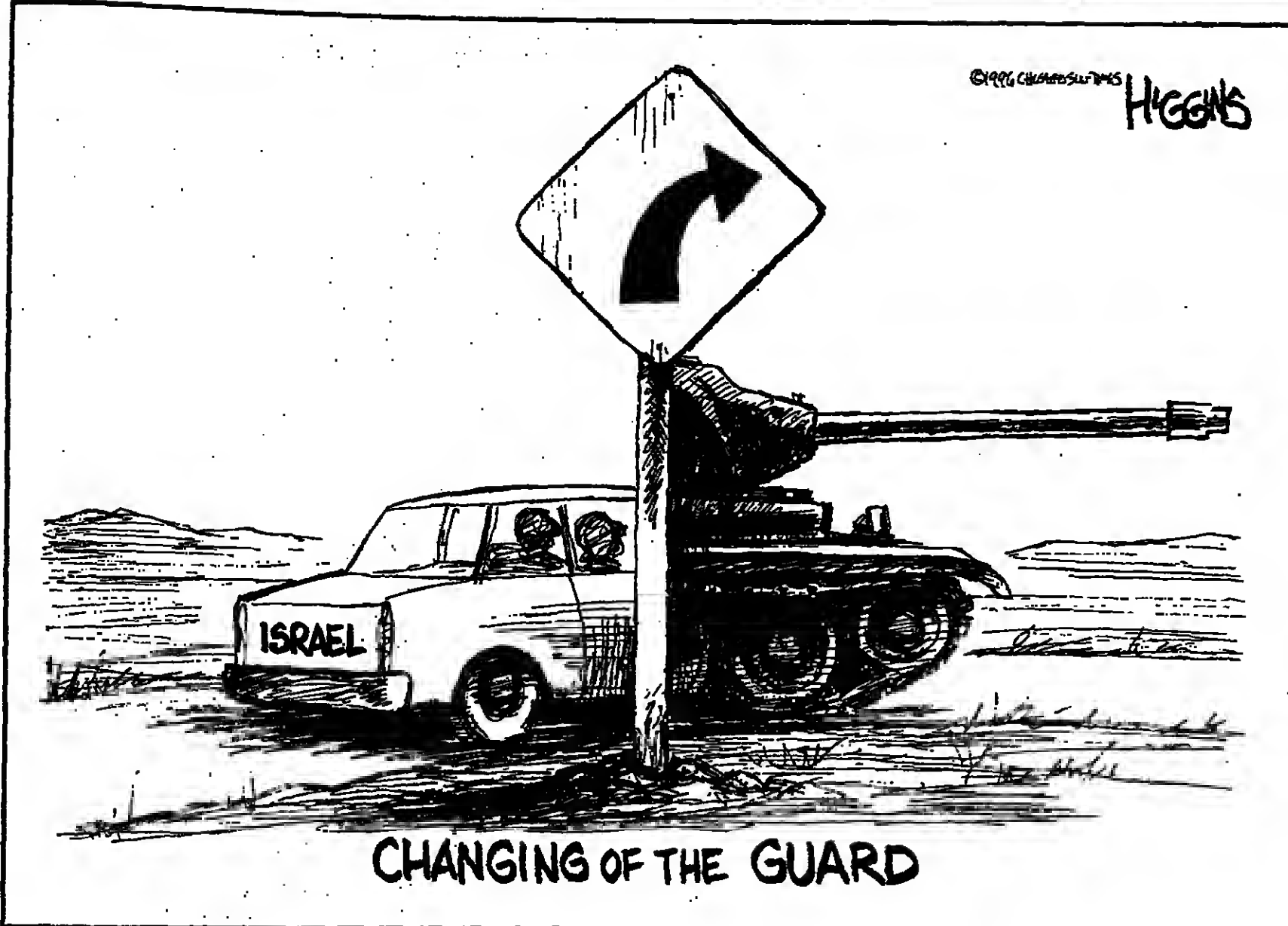
On his June 17 visit to Washington and President Clinton, former Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide will be received at the White House for an afternoon tea - not the gala dinner that was widely thought scheduled for him.

Aristide's Washington representatives contend that nothing more than a tea was ever envisioned. According to Haitian sources, however, a major dinner was promised Aristide by Clinton in partial payment for stepping down as president this year as required by Haiti's constitution. The visit comes at a time when the Clinton administration is saying little about Haiti, where the economy is in decline.

With less than a week remaining before Aristide's visit, no announcement had been made at the White House and no invitation had been issued for an event of any kind.

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Waiting game

Clinton officials bank on peace hopes

BY MATTHEW COOPER

Nov. 4 was a sunny day in Washington and, not surprisingly, Bill Clinton took to the putting green that he had installed a few yards from the Oval Office. The finely manicured patch of turf is terra firma for Clinton, his getaway. Not surprisingly, then, the president was by himself when Anthony Lake came dashing toward him with Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes just a few paces behind.

Lake told Clinton the news: Yitzak Rabin was dead, assassinated at a peace rally. This was not the first time that the mild-mannered Lake had brought bad news to Clinton. Conveying the deaths of American soldiers, whether in Somalia or on training missions, regularly fell to Lake. But never before had the national security adviser or even Ickes — Clinton's friend for more than a generation — seen the Arkansas so upset. Instead of becoming misty eyed or biting his lip, the usual expressions of his empathy, Clinton sobbed inconsolably.

Clinton's attachment to Israel is visceral, instinctual. Part of it is clearly born of Clinton's political needs. Why not be the most pro-Israel president in American history? What upside was there for Ike at Suez or Bush and Baker trying to nickel and dime Israel over loan guarantees? If the budget deficit made him pinched at home, unable to fill his LBJ-sized belief in the efficacy of government, then Israel was a place where a few billion could still make a difference. Modest support plus diplomatic muscle might equal history's greatest concord. But Clinton's attachment to Israel is not motivated solely by a need for applause at AIPAC fund-raisers or a longing to enshrine his legacy. Clinton had long been counseled by his pastors at Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist, first W.O. Vaught and then Rex Horne, about the importance of the Holy Land and its chosen people.

Clinton and his allies had been in denial about the possibility of a Likud victory. "We were not thinking about it with great energy," confesses a senior administration official. No kidding. The Clintonites couldn't — wouldn't — see it: Peres was Israel's Dole, unable to win the big one. Almost willfully, Clinton officials put Bibi

Netanyahu out of their minds even though his youth and vigor had his parallels in Clinton's (or Newt's) rise. Clinton himself stayed up until 1 a.m. in the White House residence watching the returns.

What now for the Clinton administration? Officials are painstakingly trying not to prejudge Netanyahu, hoping that he'll emerge as the centrist he portrayed himself as in the waning days of the campaign. Senior administration officials rest their hopes on the following set of prayers... er... assumptions:

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— Bibi is a pragmatist. Clinton officials are banking on Netanyahu's political savvy. They assume that, unlike the 1993 Clinton model, he'll recognize his slim mandate. He won't go settlement happy, they pray, and he won't trash the region's glasnost. "He is a very different prime minister than Rabin or Peres or Sbarmit," says one senior administration official. "He's not at the end of his career. He wants a future."

— Middle East peace is institutionalized. The hope among Clinton officials is that Middle East peace is now a fact of life that no prime minister can entirely reverse. There's something to that theory. Relations with a panoply of Arab states from Morocco to Bahrain are warming; a regional economic framework has been built around events like the Casablanca summit where Arab and Israeli businessmen from 61 nations shook hands over a bevy of joint projects. Forget about the Arab nations: Israel is enjoying 6.8 percent economic growth, owing in large measure to the rest of the world. Only 96 countries recognized Israel before the Madrid conference in 1991; today, it's 157. The number of tourists to Israel has doubled since 1991. Israeli exports to

Asia leapt 33 percent in 1994 alone. These other lucrative markets are vulnerable if Israel checks out of the peace process. Indeed, the markets will probably deny Ariel Sharon the Financial Ministry he covets, lest investors get rattled. Moshe Ahrens, Clintonites suspect, will get the top financial post.

What's more, Clinton officials hope that ballast will be provided by all the Palestinians and Israelis who now deal with each other regularly. Literally hundreds of officials from both sides are involved in the final status negotiations, for example. "Likud spent years trying to find Palestinians with whom they could negotiate," says the same senior Clinton official. "The PLO never countenanced such talks and the process failed. Now there is a Palestinian institution with which they must deal."

— Bibi can tame the crazies. The hope in the Clinton administration is that Netanyahu will keep the Sharons and the Eitans at bay by giving them lower level positions while putting more reasonable sorts in senior posts. Clinton administration officials would be encouraged to see Yitzak Mordecai who has commanded Israeli forces on three fronts as the next Defense minister.

— Clinton is popular. Clinton administration officials know that public opinion polls show Bill Clinton to be overwhelmingly popular in Israel. Thus, they're hoping that Netanyahu will be loath to confront him. "He's not like Bush and Baker, Texans who were said not to have a visceral feel for Israel," says Robert Zoellick, a senior foreign policy adviser under Bush.

What if Netanyahu doesn't turn out to be the pragmatist that the Clintonites are praying for? It won't matter — not in terms of White House policy anyway. It's hard to imagine the Clinton White House proposing to, say, withhold aid as the Bush administration threatened when they briefly attempted to deny Israel loan guarantees during the zenith of its Russian immigration. "I can't see them showing any guts," says Zoellick.

He's right. Clinton will weep for Israel, but he won't fight her.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G. B. TRUDEAU

1. HE'S HERE AND HERE.

2. AFTER NO LINGER, I'VE ENTERED THE ROOM. HERE IN OUTSIDE.

3. MY FELLOW AMERICANS ARE BEING SHIPPED DOWN FROM THE SENATE LAST MONTH. WE WERE GOING AWAY IT SEEMS.

4. BOB DOES KNOW THE CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT TO BE HELD. HE'S ABLE TO PUT THE PRESS ON THAT IT'S OUT, BUT IT'S OUT THERE AND BOB DOES KNOW.

5. THAT'S WHY WHEN AMERICA CALLS ON BOB DOES SHE CALLS BOB DOES KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM.

6. HE'S OUT THERE, GETTING READY FOR A TUGS. CAMPAIGN, MEETING WITH PEOPLE, TALKING ON THE PHONE — WHAT? DOES IT SEEM?

7. BOB DOES KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT THAT IT TAKES. IT TAKES KNOWING WHAT THE PRESS IS DOING. THE PRESS THINGS LIKE THAT.

8. BOB DOES KNOW IT'S ABOUT SOMETHING.

PEANUTS

BY SCHULZ

1. FROM HERE YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING!

2. DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU IS BEAUTIFUL 'TURTLE LAKE'.

3. AND OFF TO YOUR LEFT ARE THE FAMOUS 'RUNNING ROCKS'.

4. AND ON YOUR RIGHT IS THE MAGNIFICENT 'SILVER CLOUD' WATERFALL.

5. AND IF YOU LOOK BEHIND YOU, YOU'LL SEE THE MOST WONDERFUL SIGHT OF ALL.

6. THE ANGEL FOOD CAKE THAT HARRIET BROUGHT ALONG!

7. C'MON... KEEP COMING!

Slip

By JEFF MEYER

1. COMPLAINTS

2. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE LIST?

3. IF YOU BUY ME A DRINK, I'LL PREDICT YOUR FUTURE.

4. OHAY...

5. THERE YOU GO...

6. BLOBB!

7. THANKS!

8. SO WHAT'S MY FUTURE?

9. YOU WILL NEVER FALL FOR THAT TRICK AGAIN.

Calvin and Hobbes

BY NEWMAN

1. OKAY, I'LL DRAW A PICTURE OF HIM ON IT.

2. I'M MAKE HIS MOUTH BIGGER. HE USUALLY LOOKS ANGRIER THAN THAT.

3. WE SHOULD MAKE DAD A FATHER'S DAY CARD.

4. GOOD MORNING, DAD! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

5. IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE AS DAD, TODAY I AM LIVING ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR FATHERLY WISDOM.

6. CALVIN, WHAT TIME IS IT? FIVE IN THE MORNING??

7. YES, 'EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE,' YOU ALWAYS SAY...

8. I WAS GOING TO BUY YOU A NICE PRESENT, BUT 'A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED,' AS YOU SAY.

9. SO I'M NOW EARNING 6% ON THE MONEY I DIDN'T SPEND.

10. YES, DAD, THANKS TO YOU, I'M A HAPPIER, BETTER PERSON.

11. GOOD WORK, SOCRATES.

12. I KNOW I'D MADE A MISTAKE THE MINUTE I SAW THAT LITTLE BLOBBY LOAF IN THE HOSPITAL GASSINET.



THE LAST OF THE GREAT BUNGEE JUMPERS!

1. LADIES AND...

2. CONPOKES...

3. WHAM!

4. YEE HOO HA HA

5. EAT YOUR HEART OUT, JACK KEVORKIAN.

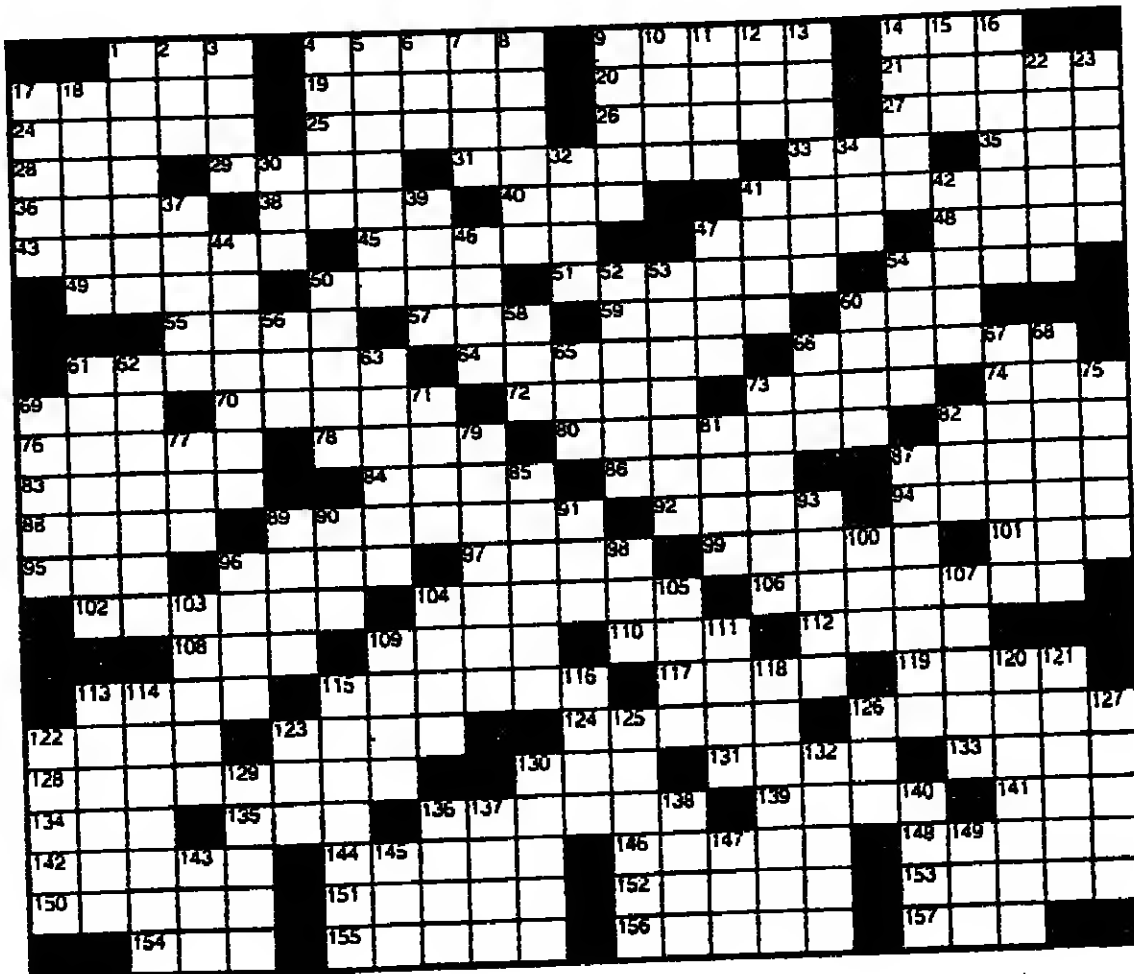
TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Switch position
- 4 Take care of
- 9 "Beyoncé"
- 14 Venomous snake
- 17 One of the
- 19 Afterwards
- 20 Hello greeting
- 21 Altus
- 24 Open to view
- 25 Mountain nymph
- 25 La Scala site
- 27 Men artery
- 28 Mr. Hammam's
- 29 Shakespeare's river
- 31 Install new equipment
- 33 Excavate
- 35 Remember — Braun
- 36 Coup d'
- 38 Fencer's blade
- 40 Motorola's org.
- 41 Penitent
- 43 Run
- 45 Play for time
- 47 11th president
- 48 "Thou'rt"
- 49 Sit up
- 53 T. my article
- 51 Per —
- 54 Dancer Astarte
- 55 Close
- 57 Badger
- 59 Back of the neck
- 60 "Pop"
- 61 Re-laced kner
- 64 Live sea water
- 66 C-curved direction
- 67 Prince Valiant's son
- 70 Cut of meat
- 72 "Armed."
- 73 Unhappy
- 74 Drone
- 75 — voc: under the breath
- 78 Ignore
- 80 "Cut out well"

DOWN

- 1 Pasta-sauce seasoning
- 2 Evergreen
- 3 Greek cheese
- 4 Racing boat
- 5 Sarous
- 6 Paris season
- 7 Flip
- 8 Severe trial
- 8 "Coming of Age"
- 10 History muse
- 11 Bakery product
- 12 Cry of discovery
- 13 Nelson
- 14 Wise saying
- 15 Hit sign
- 16 Spread throughout
- 17 Computer adjunct
- 18 Hindu incarnation
- 22 Pelted
- 23 Christmas YIP
- 24 Type of headline
- 25 Baby powder
- 34 Sort
- 37 Contaminate
- 39 British school
- 41 Memory method
- 42 Between Leo and
- 44 Comedian
- 46 Jack —
- 46 Arm, —, arm
- 47 Smoker's choice
- 50 The Ram
- 52 Hostile feeling
- 53 Carp-all
- 54 Travel cost
- 56 Picnic post
- 58 Needlefish
- 60 Run before a gale
- 61 Theatrical company member
- 62 Enter forcibly
- 63 French dance
- 65 — Angeles
- 68 Tavern serving
- 67 Field event
- 68 Daybreak
- 69 Fur merchant John Jacob
- 71 Composer Walt
- 73 Central American country
- 75 Civil War general
- 77 "The season..."
- 78 Elaborate meal
- 81 Singer Irene
- 82 Pod vegetable
- 85 Venice
- 87 Gov. Whitman's capital
- 89 Cautious
- 90 Bitter's goal
- 91 Small child
- 93 Light unit
- 96 Satellite
- 98 Car fuel
- 100 Patient
- 103 Berate
- 104 Bed support
- 106 Root overhang
- 107 Eagle's nest
- 108 Irish islands
- 111 Group of wolves
- 113 Race-track bet
- 114 Under
- 115 Man or ape
- 116 Profound
- 118 Repeat
- 120 Tiled recess
- 121 Tense city
- 122 Collect
- 123 Biker's top
- 125 Warden
- 126 Goal
- 127 Also-ran
- 129 Representative
- 130 Irritable
- 132 Discussion group
- 136 Run weary
- 137 House division
- 138 Hawk's opposite
- 140 Trim
- 143 Greek letter
- 145 Rowan or Rafter
- 147 Miasm
- 149 Sun god





Princeton grads are Clintonized

BY SEAN WILENTZ

Princeton held its 249th commencement last Tuesday, and it featured a speech by President Clinton. For weeks beforehand, campus VIPs had been, understandably, in a tizzy, but they needn't have worried. The sun blasted through an early morning haze and dappled the throngs of graduates assembled beneath the maples on Nassau Green. The faculty, normally eager to leave town or return to the library at first opportunity, turned out in what looked like record numbers. The crowd laughed and applauded on cue during the salutatorian's Latin address. The president spoke well, and at decent length, on an issue of national importance. And the locusts didn't sing.

As Bob Dylan's fans know well, Princeton has a locust problem, or more precisely a cicada problem. Every 17 years, swarms of the orange-and-black insects reappear, having fattened up below ground on juice sucked from plant and tree roots. Unlike genuine locusts, they don't harm local crops (not a big worry in Princeton anyway); but the whirring din of the amassed males of the species has been known to drive even the most single-minded of scholars to distraction. When Dylan received his honorary Princeton D. Mus. degree in 1970 (mordantly described in his song "Day of the Locusts"), a "high winding trill" cut through the academic formalities and sent the raspy-voiced one racing back to the Black Hills of Dakota.

TRADITION

Tradition dictates that Princeton invite the sitting president to campus every half-century, to help commemorate the university's founding in 1746. Grover Cleveland spoke in 1896; Harry Truman spoke in 1947; and now it was Clinton's turn. But what if now, on the occasion of the university's bicentennial, the cicadas ruined everything? No problem, as it happened. A few days before the event, I ran into a university officer who had just departed from a commencement planning session. ("Clintonizing," he called it — strange verb, so full of possible meanings!) He assured me that this spring's uncommonly cool weather

had faked out the pests, and that they would be showing up too late for the festivities. Sure enough, on June 4, they stayed home. Some universities — and some politicians — have all the luck.

Looking out from the stage, past the university gates to the corner bank and the jeweler's and the streets beyond, it was striking, and a bit heartening, to see some Princetonians calmly going about their business, as if nothing was transpiring on campus. Some of them, perhaps, did so defiantly. ("See here, I'm a Republican, and I'm damned well going to deposit my dividend check!") Most, though, seemed simply to be making their usual rounds, unmoved by all the pomp and circumstance and political majesty. The ceremony, Latin and all, was a deeply American one; but so was their indifference to it. An early line of Whitman's came to mind: "The President is up there in the White House for you... it is not you who are here for him."

POLICY

Still, most of the people in the street stopped to listen; and Clinton, on this day, was worth listening to. He came to Princeton with a policy jock's plan, for tax credits to help guarantee Americans the financial resources necessary to acquire two years of higher education. Most Princetonians (and their overclass relatives) wouldn't really need the money. And as we later learned, most of us would wind up helping to fund the plan, in part by paying

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higher airline departure taxes on flights abroad. But in making his pitch — riffing flawlessly, his well-toned jaw muscles flexing large — Clinton made the point that so few liberal politicians seem capable of enunciating

any more, namely that the betterment of the lives of ordinary Americans is in the best interests of the fortunate few. And when, taking a leaf from E. J. Dionne, he explained to the graduating seniors that they were on the cusp of "a new progressive era," he sounded as if he had at long last retrieved a theme for his presidency. Maybe he bragged a little too much about his administration's accomplishments: Princetonians know campaign boilerplate when they hear it. Overall, though, he was impressive.

Or so people were saying at the rapturous private reception for university trustees, administrators, faculty and alumni held directly after the exercises. It was a supremely well-connected, politically savvy, mostly liberal group. (The choicest bit of gossip making the rounds had to do with the young Trent Lott's allegedly perfidious role during the desegregation of Ole Miss back in the '60s.) Many of those present had told me, over the years, of their immense frustration about Clinton's flip-floppery. But after the speech, when Clinton actually came round, those frustrations seemed to evaporate (as they always seem to in the presence of our great national charmer). There was a titter of genuine affection as Princeton's president, the blessedly restrained Harold Sapiro, beamed and presented Clinton with enough Princeton gear to outfit his entire family.

And, when Clinton finished his remarks and started to work the tent, I saw some of the most formidable egos of the Western world melt in his presence. Even Steve Forbes, Class of 1970, seemed to glow just a little when he joined the reception line and had his handshake and brief chat with the man whose job he was tried to take. By that time, the president was sipping mineral water from a plastic bottle, looking a little weary but relaxed, every bit the reigning political heavyweight.

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Constitution stalls on info superhighway

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah is conducting hearings about a new form of child pornography, which raises fundamental questions about how far government should be able to go in regulating thoughts, ideas and images. The object of the proposed new legislation is to criminalize computer-generated depictions of child pornography that are entirely the product of imagination and do not require the use of actual children in the production process. Sen. Hatch has put it this way: "Today, visual depictions of children engaging in any imaginable form of sexual conduct can be produced entirely by computer, without using children, thereby placing such depictions outside the scope of federal law." Nor is there any dissent from the administration on this issue. Attorney General Janet Reno agreed with Sen. Hatch, asserting that "we are not going to permit exciting new technology to be misused to exploit and injure children."

The fact that children are not being directly exploited by the makers of this kind of kiddie porn — as distinguished from the videotaping of children actually engaging in sexual acts — should be welcome by those truly concerned about the sexual exploitation of young people. A rational approach to the criminalization of such snuff would concentrate law enforcement efforts against those pornographers who actually use children in the production of pornographic films and videos.

There are four distinct kinds of harms that can flow from the production and consumption of child pornography, and they must be analyzed separately.

The first and most direct is to the children who are filmed engaging in sex. No one can doubt that any pornographic film made in this country which actually uses real children necessarily violates our laws against underage sex, even if the children "consent" to engaging in the sexual behavior.

The second, and far more speculative harm, is to other children, who may become victims of pedophiles stimulated to the act of child molestation by consuming child pornography. There is no reliable evidence of the empirical relationship between watching kiddie porn and actually molesting a child. The vast majority of people who get their jollies from watching kids have sex do not themselves engage in sex with children.

The third "danger" is the moralistically tautological claim that anyone who watches kiddie porn has corrupted himself, even if he never engages in any sexual act against a child. This approach has no place in a secular democracy where it is none of the government's business to save the souls of sinners from their own self-abuse, so long as it harms no one else.

The fourth danger is that sexual predators may use child pornography to lure children into sexual liaisons. But such liaisons are already illegal, and attempts to entice children into sex are also against existing law.

When considered in the context of these different kinds of harms, computer-generated child pornography is analogous to fictional literary accounts of child sex, such as those contained in Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita."

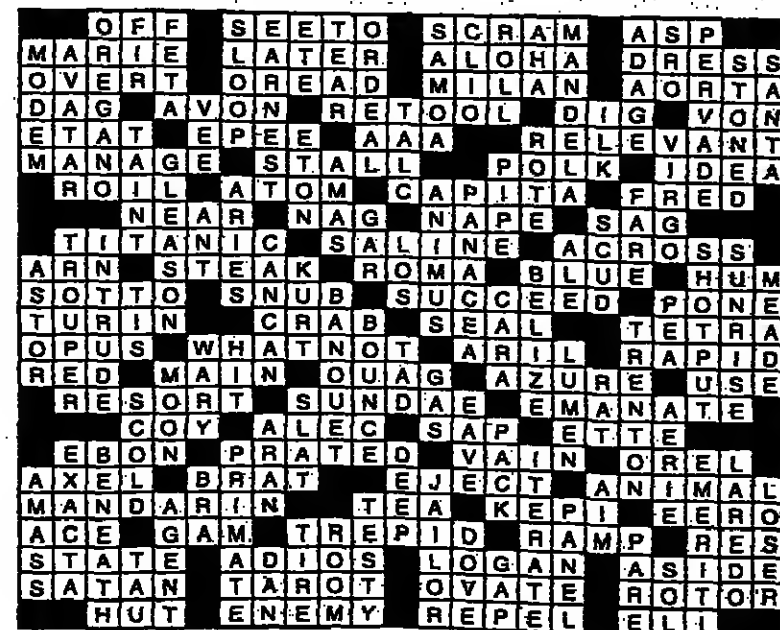
The proposed law that would criminalize computer-generated depictions of child pornography raises the larger and more profound question of whether the government should regulate the ideas of its citizens, as well as their actions.

The bottom line is that politicians will do everything they can to avoid even the appearance of siding with anything that even comes close to pornography — especially child pornography. Therefore, it seems that as "exciting new technologies" are developed, we are likely to see new laws criminalizing the imaginations and "virtual realities" of our citizens. And as with any new regulations that seek to criminalize thoughts and expressions that are the products of our minds, these laws are bound for a collision with the Constitution on the information superhighway.

Civil libertarians, of the left, right and center, should unite in opposition to laws that would breach the constitutionally required boundary separating thoughts that must be protected from actions that may be regulated.

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The tragic plight of Syrian Jewry

UNABLE to crush Israel, the Syrians spent their anger on their Jewish citizens, making their lives untenable. But they refused to let them leave. The story of the Syrian Jews' endeavors to emigrate during the past 60 years or so is tragic.

We learn something about the subject in Dr. Michael M. Lasker's contribution to *Pe'amim*, a biannual publication of the Ben-Zvi Institute devoted to studies about Jewish communities in the East.

Jews have lived in Syria since the time of the Second Temple. During the Middle Ages, more Jews dwelt in Syria than in Palestine. Jews fared tolerably well during the 19th century, except for the blood-libel period around 1840, when they were saved by the intervention of Sir Moses Montefiore.

Some became quite rich and even sat on municipal councils. The steady infiltration of European culture helped Jews and Christians alike. The French, who administered Syria after World War I, enhanced the status of minorities such as the Jews, Kurds and Alawites. The Sunni majority reacted

badly. Jews were attacked in the cafes of Aleppo and Damascus when the Arab revolt raged in Palestine 1933-39. Damascus was the center of anti-Jewish, and anti-British, propaganda.

The authorities turned manifestly hostile when the French administration fell under the Vichy regime in 1940. Things improved however, after Syria and Lebanon were taken by British and Free French troops a year later.

The Jewish population of Syria had been dwindling since the beginning of the century, when it was estimated at 50,000. The census of 1943 registered 27,000 Jews, 17,000 of whom lived in Aleppo. Four years later there remained in Syria no more than 15,000, more than 5,000 of whom immigrated to Israel by the end of 1946.

Only 5 percent of the Jewish community could be considered opulent after World War II, observes Dr. Lasker, while 15% could be considered middle class. The rest were lower-middle class or just indigent, dependent for survival on contributions from rich emigrants to Mexico and South America, as well as the Joint Distribution

THERE AND THEN SRAYA SHAPIRO

Committee in the US. Much of the money was spent on bribing the police and security services. Passports for foreign travel were issued scantily and against the deposit of large sums - the money was impounded if the traveler did not return within a few weeks.

Attempts to cross illegally into Lebanon were severely punished. Police was instructed to open fire on those apprehended crossing the border. Nevertheless, attempts to infiltrate into Palestine never ceased.

Among the Hagana officers who helped was Tuvia Arazi, brother of the legendary Yehuda Arazi who had done wonders in obtaining arms illegally for the defense of the Yishuv.

A FEW DAYS after the UN resolution on the partition of Palestine on November 29, 1947, disturbances erupted in Aleppo. Damage was done to 150 houses, 50 shops, 10 synagogues and five schools; 160 Torah scrolls were burned.

In February 1948, a bomb was

thrown at the doorstep of the Alliance school. Community leaders sent a cable to the Syrian president, pledging their loyalty, asserting their opposition to a Jewish state, and promising to contribute to the Syrian Republic. But more bombs were to come in the following months.

At the beginning of 1949 all banks received instructions to freeze Jewish savings and report on Jewish assets generally. Jews residing in Lebanon and Palestine were ordered to come back, or forfeit their Syrian citizenship.

A change seemed to occur in the middle of 1949 when Husni Zayim, the Syrian chief of staff, seized power. Ezra Danin, an Israeli expert on Arab affairs, believed the change augured well for Syrian-Israeli relations.

"It is not clear whether the rise of Zayim was helped by Israel," remarks Lasker, but "there is almost no doubt that Zayim wished to come to terms with Israel." An armistice agreement was signed in July, and the Syrians pulled their troops to the international border.

Syrian Jews were promised equal rights. But in August of the same year a bomb was thrown

into a synagogue in Damascus, causing 12 deaths and injuring 66.

Zayim ordered the arrest of the culprit. A youth admitted throwing the bomb. But on August 14, Zayim was murdered.

No law was ever passed by the Syrians barring Jews from leaving, but their passports were marked with an indication that their holders belonged to the Mosaic faith. Leaving Syria, even to Lebanon, could be effected only illegally. Some went disguised as women. Others boarded the train from Damascus to Beirut, bribing conductors en route.

A woman called Shula Cohen, in Beirut, did her best to help. She had developed connections with the Lebanese Deuxieme Bureau (Security Services). Her contact with the Mossad Aliya in Jerusalem was Yehuda Dominiz. Some Lufthansa officials in Beirut took Jews to Istanbul.

It was extremely dangerous to travel by sea, as the smugglers sometimes delivered their charges to the Lebanese police. However, some 200 did reach Nahariya in this way.

In 1950 rumors spread in Beirut that Syria was to follow



Tuvia Arazi helped Syrian Jews infiltrate into Palestine.

(David Rubinger)

the Iraqi example and allow all Jews to emigrate to Israel. But the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem was skeptical. "Any bias toward Jews was likely to

lower the prestige of the regime in Damascus in Arab eyes," remarks Lasker. And that is where the matter seems to stand to this day.



Balanced metering in 'tricky light' gives perfect exposure of deck chairs and tables at Tel Aviv's now defunct Dolphinarium.

Measuring light for photographic accuracy

ACCURATE exposure is the key to photography. Even with the best eye, if a frame is radically over- or under-exposed, the picture is lost.

Exposure or light meters enable the photographer to measure the quantity of light, and thereby achieve consistently accurate exposures.

Photoelectric exposure meters register light levels in terms of measurable amounts of electrical energy. The light-sensitive "cell" either converts light to electrical current or sets up a resistance to current (from a battery), both according to the level of illumination.

The now outmoded selenium cell meter generated a weak current proportional to the light received. The volume of electricity could then be calculated by a needle against a gauge. Selenium cells were slow to respond and eventually wore out, as did the one that came with my Leica M3.

The next stage, the resistor-type cadmium sulfide (CdS) cell meter, arrived with the miniaturization of batteries in the early 1970s. The CdS meter was relatively minute and easily incorporated into the camera body.

Though sensitive to a wide range of light intensity (down to

moonlight levels), CdS meters have a rather uneven response to the color of light, being over-sensitive to the red end of the spectrum. Also, they can be temporarily "blinded" for hours if directly exposed to sunlight.

The ultimate silicon cell meter has a more uniform and wider sensitivity range than the CdS. It is also faster, metering in only 0.04 seconds. Intense illumination does not affect its "memory," so there is no distortion from one reading to the next. The silicon cell, coupled with liquid-crystal display (LCD), is the choice of virtually all through-the-lens (TTL) metering systems today.

The exposure value (EV) scale seen on most hand-held meters indicates the device's metering range. So, a meter or camera measuring from EV1 to EV19 is slightly more sensitive than one whose range is between EV2 and EV18. The difference is important if you intend to use your camera at night, or for close-up work.

Reflected-light meters, whether hand-held or in the camera, measure luminance and the light reflected or emitted from the subject. Incident-light meters, always hand-held, measure illuminance and the light falling on the subject. Incident readings tend to be

ON CAMERA DAVID BRAUNER

more accurate. When taking an incident reading, remember to slide the translucent (white) dome over the cell. Take the reading from the subject in the direction of the camera, not toward the light source.

Two other pointers when using a hand-held meter:

1) Outdoors, shade the instrument from above with your hand so that the reading is not overly influenced by the sky.

2) When you cannot approach the subject or the light is mixed (highlights and shade), meter off the palm of your hand and add one stop by either opening up the aperture by one click or by slowing down the speed one notch, but not both.

Most modern cameras are equipped with center-weighted averaging meters. Highest priority is given to the center of frame, where it is assumed [not always correctly] the picture's main interest will lie. The outer edges are proportionately weighted less heavily. The final exposure is an average of the edges against the center.

The most expensive cameras incorporate a multi-pattern TTL

metering system. Using sophisticated electronics, different sections of the frame are metered simultaneously, then balanced to achieve a foolproof exposure even in the most difficult lighting situations. But beware: Tests generally prove that reality falls short of the manufacturers' claims.

A third alternative is the "spot" meter, which is built into some cameras as an option. The spot measures the light within a very narrow angle, as little as one degree, against the 30-50 degrees most meters cover. The spot meter is useful when a subject is backlit (light source is behind the subject), rather than behind the photographer) or, for example, in photographing a ruin against a large amount of sky.

The thing to know about all metering systems is that none are 100 percent accurate. As Ansel Adams wrote, "I am content to be precise." Experience makes up the difference between meter accuracy and human precision.

If the subject is dark against light background or light against a dark background, meter up close, from centimeters away, then move back to recompose remembering the meter reading.

Tilt the camera slightly downward when taking scenic shots, and meter more off the land than the sky. Aiming directly at the horizon will underexpose the negative, consequently darkening the print.

Similarly, snow and beach conditions where reflected light abounds require manual override. Open up by at least one, or better, two stops.

In tricky situations, such as strong light with heavy shadows, bracket, that is, take three frames: the recommended meter reading plus one stop over and one stop under.

And if you and your meter do make a mistake, don't fret. Sometimes the results can be more interesting than the properly metered picture would have been.

Cats need extra grooming

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

CATS are usually quite adept at grooming themselves and seem to do such a thorough job of it that many people think they don't require any grooming by their human companions.

But they can use a bit of help, even though the short-haired breeds - whether domestics or purebreds - need far less grooming than the long-haired cats.

The first thing that needs regular attention is making sure the cat is free of external parasites, specifically fleas and ticks. A good flea powder that is specifically for cats can be used, but be sure it is labeled as safe for cats, as some other powders can be highly toxic.

Flea and tick collars are also useful for adult cats provided there's no baby playing with the cat, because the baby might transfer the insecticide from the collar to its mouth by handling the cat.

Be sure to use only a tick collar made for cats since the material in them is safe for felines and the collar has an elastic inset that allows the collar to slip off if the cat gets caught on a limb of a tree or something. This is not needed for dogs.

Ears also need attention and should be wiped clean with a cotton swab dipped in either alcohol or, even better, a mixture of half vinegar and water. Never probe into the ear and wipe only that part of the interior that is clearly visible, otherwise you might harm the cat's eardrum.

Cats usually take good care of their claws but check now and then for torn or jagged ones. A split claw end can be trimmed with a scissor especially made for cutting dogs' toenails, but go gently, cut only the very tip and not too deeply.

You can usually see where the blood and nerve supply begins by looking at the claw against the light. Only in the case of cats with dark claws is this a real problem.

Every cat can use a brushing now and again. Thoroughly brush long-haired cats at least once a week, remove any foreign material and make a special check for matted fur. Mats that cannot be brushed out

can be carefully snipped off, but if the cat is regularly groomed these will not have a chance to form. Short-haired cats need far less brushing, but during their seasonal molts even they can use your attention.

This is particularly important for all breeds when they are molting, because the formation of hair balls from hair that is licked off and swallowed is a common ailment and can kill the cat if it is not treated properly.

Make sure the cat gets plenty of oil or fats in its diet. The excess oil from tuna and sardines is usually acceptable, as is a bit of chicken skin and fat or some margarine. If a cat stops eating and seems unwell, take it to the veterinarian at once. Sometimes he can give it something to help it pass the hair ball, but in some cases it may require surgery.

Baths are anathema for most cats, but long-haired cats, particularly light-colored ones, often get to looking grimy. Here you can use a dry cat shampoo available at pet shops or make your own mix by combining equal portions of talc (cats prefer it unperfumed) with baking soda, called "drinking soda" in Israel.

Just rub the powder into the coat and brush it out, and it will leave the cat's coat clean and odor free. If there still are some particularly dirty spots, then they can be sponged away with a moist cloth. As for persuading the cat to submit to all these ministrations, patience is the answer. It really does help, though, if you accustom the cat to being held and handled from the time it is very young. It also helps if you make the grooming casual, brushing a section of the coat while sitting and stroking the cat, or checking claws while petting it.

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England beats Scotland on Shearer, Gazza goals

LONDON (Reuters) - A diving header from Alan Shearer and a stunning volley from Paul Gascoigne gave England a hard-fought 2-0 win over "auld enemy" Scotland at Wembley Stadium yesterday.

It was the highest international played in Britain since the 1966 World Cup final.

In other action last night, Spain and France played to a 1-1 draw.

The victory virtually guarantees the hosts a place in the last eight of Euro '96 and means that Scotland's interest will almost certainly end after their last group A match against Switzerland next Tuesday.

The match turned in three dramatic minutes late in the game after Scotland skipper Gary McAllister saw his 77th-minute penalty saved by David Seaman.

Still reeling from the disappointment of that miss, Scotland failed to cut out a Darren Anderson pass to Gascoigne, who swept the ball over Colin Hendry's head, ran round the Blackburn defender and smashed the ball past Andy Goram for England's second goal.

Shearer, who scored for England in their 1-1 draw against

Switzerland last Saturday, opened the scoring again after 53 minutes when he dived at the far post to head home a cross from Gary Neville.

England manager Terry Venables said: "We won with two great goals - Gazza's was brilliant. We played superbly in the second half."

Scottish manager Craig Brown added: "The penalty was the turning point. If we'd have scored that we probably would have won."

Gaseoigne, Scotland's Footballer of the Year after helping Glasgow Rangers win the double last season, was one of a number of England players who came alive after the break.

Just as in England's opening match against Switzerland, the hosts were like two different teams in each half but, in contrast to last week, they saved their best for the second half in which they played better than they have done for months.

There was also a striking similarity with last week's match in that after England went ahead, their opponents were awarded a penalty.

Italian referee Pierluigi Pira-

etto judged that Tony Adams had hauled down Gordon Durie after 77 minutes, to the delight of the Scottish supporters behind the goal.

But their joy was short-lived as Seaman half-elbowed and half-punched McAllister's hard-hit kick high over his crossbar, leaving Scotland still looking at the end for their first goal in five matches.

England was initially inspired after the break by Steve McManaman, who terrorized the Scottish defenders with the kind of runs that hampered Premier League defenses last season but which were absent against Switzerland and in a patchy opening half on Saturday.

McManaman, halftime substitute Jamie Redknapp, Darren Anderson and Gascoigne, came alive after the break as England wrested the initiative from the Scots, who had looked sharper in the first 45 minutes.

But Scotland's failure to find the net - Durie watched in disbelief as Seaman appeared to suspend himself in mid-air and scoop a header to safety after 66 minutes - consigned them to defeat for the 44th time in the 108th



INSURANCE - Paul Gascoigne jubilates after scoring England's 2nd goal against Scotland. England won 2-0. (Reuters)

meeting between the countries, and the first since 1989.

The build-up to the match surpassed anything seen in English soccer since the 1966 World Cup final when England beat West

Germany. On Friday, the Czech Republic surprised Italy 2-1 and Portugal beat Turkey 1-0.

Today, Russia takes on Germany at 5 pm and Croatia faces Den-

mark at 8 pm. Both games will be televised live by Channel 1.

Due to technical difficulties, the Euro '96 standings were not available.

Hap Haifa to get Croatian coach

ORI LEWIS

HAPOEL Haifa soccer club will be coached by Croatian Ivan Katalinic next season, after the club's president, Ruble Shapira closed a deal with the coach in England over the weekend.

Katalinic will take charge of the currently-coachless club following the sudden move by Avraham Grant to Maccabi Tel Aviv for the coming season. He is one of Croatia's top coaches and is currently with his national team which is taking part in Euro '96.

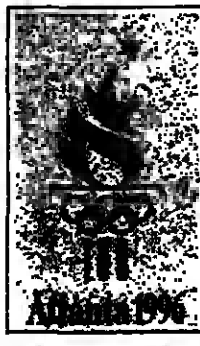
Katalinic will take the reins at the club at the end of this month.

On his arrival, Katalinic will find himself in the company of two of his countrymen, both of whom were hired by Grant before his departure from the club. They are Pavel Katalovic, who is Croatia's reserve goalkeeper and Goran Sabatic. It is expected that Katalinic will hire another foreign player, since the club is allowed three.

Hapoel Haifa, along with Hapoel Tel Aviv, are Israel's representatives in the European Intertoto Cup competition this season.

Headed to the top

Israel's athletics elite jumping with anticipation for shot at Gold medal



HEATHER CHAIT

THE four men representing Israel in the athletics event at the Olympics all share a common goal - to stay airborne as long as possible.

Triple jumper Rogel Nahum, pole vaulters Danny Krasnov and Constantin Simyonev and high jumper Constantin Matusевич will all be trying to defy gravity, propelling their bodies to extraordinary heights.

At today's Israel Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef, these four will be in action to prove their almost-peak performance next month in Atlanta.

Nahum, 29 from Maccabi Tel Aviv, is the only local bred among the foursome.

He holds the national triple jump record at 17.20 meters, which he established four years ago and his best distance this year is 16.75.

Nahum's syntax is dotted with references to his sport. "I'm on the way up," he says confidently. "I plan on doing 17.00 at the championships and maybe even a new record. I have the fitness to do it."

Nahum turned to the triple jump at the relatively late age of 17. "I started as a high jumper but the triple soon became my favorite."

Atlanta will be Nahum's second successive Olympics. In Barcelona he did not make the final but now he is optimistic about his chances of reaching the last 12.

"It'll be a war, very difficult to reach the final but I see myself doing it. I did it last year at the world championships which was not less difficult than the Olympics. But I'm not placing any bets on myself," adds the friendly, articulate athlete.

In Nahum's opinion, British world champion Jonathan Edwards is the athlete to beat but the opposition from the Cubans and Americans will be significant.

The Atlanta humidity, in Nahum's opinion, may be slightly in his favor. "I'm used to both the heat and training in humid conditions."

How does Nahum get along with this olim teammates? "We're all Israelis. I don't see them anymore as immigrants. But it's a pity there aren't more sabras because the Israeli crowd is partial to sabras and would probably be more supportive if there were more in the team."

Nahum's general view of the local athletics scene is clouded. "There is not much prestige in athletics and it does not attract enough youth."

Nahum's own experience when flying through the air may provide incentive to the youth. "When I reach the takeoff point, I just black out," he says, "I don't remember a thing until I land."

While Nahum turns to jumping to clear his mind, Krasnov's oc-



POLE POSITION - Danny Krasnov, who holds the national pole vault record of 5.75 meters, will no longer be representing his sport alone in the Olympics. (Hamoeh Guttmann)

ch Arye Rosenor's thoughts are focused on the Atlanta humidity.

"Daony just returned from France where the humidity influenced him badly. It made it very tough for him to train and compete. He only managed 5.50."

Krasnov, 26 years old, holds the Israeli pole vault record at 5.75 which he achieved two years ago in Brussels. His best score this year is 5.65. He lives in Jerusalem's Kiryat Yovel neighborhood in a rented apartment which has no telephone.

Rosenor has known Krasnov since the young athlete was 10-years-old in Moscow, then only dreaming of an Olympic career. From age 15 Krasnov had already chosen the pole vault as his specialty. Both athlete and trainer have been in Israel for five years, based at Hapoel Givat Ram.

"When Danny arrived [in 1991], he had some good seasons but then he was injured. Now he's being programmed for Atlanta and he will be in good form," says Rosenor.

He believes that the Krasnov who competed in Barcelona and finished in eighth place, has little in common with the Krasnov of Atlanta.

"In 1992, he was not mentally fit for who he reached the final. The fight of the preliminary rounds took too much out of him.

This time, when he's in the final, he'll do better."

Rosenor hints that Krasnov's groin injury, which happened soon after Barcelona, was related to the enormous effort he expended there.

Unquestionably, 32-year-old Sergei Bubka is the main opposition with his world record of 6.14, but Rosenor says he is no longer alone at the top.

Rosenor's aim for Krasnov is a place in the final. "He has a good chance. He's at a high-level and is more mature now. He is approaching the best age of 30 so he can still improve. But he needs luck."

For the first time, Israel has two representatives in one track event.

Simyonev, who made aliyah one year ago from Tashkent, is excellent competition for Krasnov.

Simyonev, 26, lives with his wife in Netanya. He is officially registered with Maccabi Tel Aviv but claims that there is no contact between himself and the club now since a row over money matters.

He trains twice a day with his coach, also from Tashkent.

Although Krasnov is the national record holder, Simyonev's personal best jump is 5.80 which he produced two years ago in

Russia. His local best height is 5.70, cleared last month at Hadar Yosef.

Last week he competed in Moscow where his result was a disappointing 5.50, but Simyonev explains this as related to problems with the pole.

How does he rate himself for Atlanta? "I feel very good. I predict there'll be a new Israeli record there."

Matusевич's coach, Alex Merman, is more outspoken on his protégé's absorption than on his Olympic chances.

"It's not easy for him," says Merman, "he lives in an absorption center in Netanya which is slated to close and he does not make enough money to pay rent. Also the question of his being Jewish or not is frustrating."

Matusевич, 25, arrived in Israel over a year ago with his Jewish wife from Kiev in the Ukraine. His best indoor jump was at the European Championships where he cleared 2.31 and his national record is 2.29, set at Hadar Yosef this year.

Of Matusевич's appearance at Atlanta, Merman says, "He has the ability to reach the final. That's our aim. His fitness is fine and will still improve before the Games begin."

The championships begin today at 6 pm.

The Schott agreement: More freedom, less power

ANALYSIS

JOE KAY

MARGE Schott can walk her dog around the ballpark. She can slide behind her desk in the Cincinnati Reds owner's office. She can head down to her front-row seat to watch the game and sign autographs.

The deal Schott cut with major-league baseball Wednesday gives her much more freedom than her last suspension, but much less power - at least, in theory.

Schott agreed to let someone else become the team's chief executive officer through the 1998 season, relinquishing all day-to-day decisions. Her authority consists of approving the budget and being consulted about negotiations for a new stadium.

"She will not have any day-to-day operational control of the Reds," acting commissioner Bud Selig said.

Schott's suspension in 1993 for using racial slurs was more confining on the surface. Schott was not allowed to go into the Reds' offices - her door was locked the entire season - nor go onto the field. She couldn't sit in the stands for the first month.

The agreement Wednesday allows her complete freedom of movement. She can even take Schottzie on the field, one of her favorite things about being an owner.

"That's a serious question," Selig said, when asked about the dog on the field. "I'm not sure anyone has really contemplated it... She does have access to those areas."

Instead, the latest punishment is intended to cut into her management authority.

Schott's right-hand man, controller John Allen, will run the team for up to 60 days while another CEO is sought. Allen is not likely to do anything different that Schott would.

"I've heard he's an extension of Marge Schott," shortstop Barry Larkin said.

The questions will begin when Allen's successor is chosen by

mutual agreement:
• How much authority will the CEO have?

"We can guarantee that this person is going to be a CEO," Selig said. "This is a situation that (National League president) Len Coleman will monitor very, very closely."

There could be problems. Schott still gets to approve the budget, so what happens if she doesn't like what the new CEO is doing? Will her mere presence in the administrative offices undercut her successor?

And if she's out on the field, at the office and in the stands speaking her mind, won't she still be running the show?

"Being able to go to baseball games and having an office, while an accommodation, is a long way from being CEO of anything, let alone a baseball team," Selig said.

• What does this mean for the team's finances?

Schott ordered general manager Jim Bowden to start cutting the payroll this season. More payroll cuts were expected next year.

The uncertainty over what happens now has some of the players on edge.

"There's a lot of speculation on what may happen," Larkin said. "We heard (speculation) that everybody's going to get traded, they were going to just cut payroll. We've heard all kind of things. We just have to wait and see what happens."

• What role will Schott play in building a baseball stadium?

Hamilton County voters approved a sales-tax hike in March to build a baseball-only stadium. The county has been negotiating with the Reds, primarily through Allen.

The agreement gives Schott only an advisory role.

"She can be consulted in those negotiations, on the construction

and location of the stadium, but that's it," Selig said.

County officials have not received any financial commitment from Schott - a necessary component before construction begins. There's not even an agreement on where the stadium should be built or what it should look like.

"I don't see this representing any change for the immediate future," county commissioner Bob Bedinghaus said. "I see John Allen still being there. I think we need to get a handle on what kind of authority John Allen has and what his replacement has. And we'll work through this."

• What if Schott doesn't live up to the agreement?

"She violated terms of her 1993 suspension at least twice," by putting a message to fans on the video board on opening day and by passing a note to manager Davey Johnson during a game.

On both occasions, the National League decided only to remind her of the terms of her suspension.

Policing this agreement, which gives her much wider latitude, could be much harder. What happens if she publicly second-guesses the CEO? What if the outspoken owner tries to influence employees - some of whom are loyal to her - to do things her way?

"That's hypothetical," Selig said, adding that baseball will monitor the situation.

• Will the turmoil that has followed the team finally disappear?

Major league baseball thinks so.

"What we've done today we believe is in the best interests of that franchise and all the people involved," Selig said. "Hopefully, this action will now allow people to move on with their lives and not have this cloud hanging over their heads."

Others aren't so sure.

"I don't know if there ever will be a finality to the black eyes that this organization continues to produce," Larkin said. (AP)

The NHL dynasty now a dinosaur

MIAMI (AP) - For parity, the NHL has nothing on the NFL. Just look at the results of the last five years in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It speaks to parity that two teams from these markets (were in the Stanley Cup finals)," Florida captain Brian Skrudland said of his Panthers and the Colorado Avalanche, both from small markets.

With the Avalanche winning the Cup this year, it marked the fifth straight season a different team won the league championship. The champions, in order since 1992: Pittsburgh, Montreal, New York Rangers, New Jersey and now Colorado.

That hasn't happened since the 1940s. Also, consider what else happened this season:
• The Detroit Red Wings set a record for victories, yet lost in the Western Conference finals to Colorado.

• The New Jersey Devils failed to make the playoffs this season after winning the Cup last season.

• And the third-year Panthers, who had never made the playoffs before, got all the way to the Stanley Cup finals before losing a four-game series that actually was closer than the sweep indicated.

In some respects, hockey is a different game compared to the one played when such teams as the Canadiens, New York Islanders and Edmonton Oilers dominated the league for long periods.

A combination of free agents and, to a larger extent, the willingness of teams to trade big-name players because of their hefty salaries has helped change the game's face. Often, contract demands of the mooney-conscious modern player has forced teams to unload stars.

This season, Claude Lemieux, last year's playoff MVP for New Jersey, wound up in Colorado and helped another team win the Cup after a dispute with Devils management.

Also, the rapidly increasing influx of players from outside North America, particularly from Europe, has enlarged the NHL talent pool and sprinkled skilled players around the league in greater numbers.

The champion Avalanche, for instance, boasts a typical international mix with one German, one Latvian, one Swede, two Russians and two Americans, along with 17 Canadians on their playoff roster.

Another factor for parity: Goaltending has been as uniformly good as it's ever been in the league's history, with most teams boasting two good goalies. In the playoffs, of course, a hot goalie can carry a team, as Patrick Roy did for Colorado this year.

No greater cause for the impact of a goaltender in the playoffs could be made than Roy's performance in Colorado's Cup-clinching 1-0 triple-overtime thriller last Monday.

Roy allowed only four goals on 151 shots in the finals.

The Avalanche needed Roy at his best throughout the playoffs, considering the stiff competition.

"We're very respectful of all our opponents throughout the playoffs," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said. "The Vancouver Canucks gave us an unbelievable test right away. We had four overtime games with Chicago, it was grueling to say the least."

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Sonics force Game 6 in Chicago today

Orioles beat Royals, Ripken becomes world's iron man

SEATTLE (Los Angeles Times) — The Chicago Bulls' sprint to the NBA championship turned into a marathon Friday night, complete with a new finish line.

Their second chance to win a fourth title in six years disappeared under the blanket of a Seattle defense that at times allowed Michael Jordan the appearance of superiority but nothing when it mattered most, the fourth quarter. Rather, with the game — and the season — on the line, the SuperSonics reached down for a signature move, a stifling showing against the league's No. 1 offense and an 11-0 run that propelled them to an 89-78 victory before 17,072 at Key Arena.

Well, Bull Coach Phil Jackson said, "we got a series now." Out of nowhere, the SuperSonics, once down 3-0 and 22-point losers at home in that Game 3, have recovered to make it 3-2 and send the series back to Chicago for Game 6 today. A deciding seventh, if necessary, would be Wednesday at the United Center.

Just getting this far is something of an accomplishment for the SuperSonics, a notion that didn't escape their coach, George Karl. Not only in that they handed the Bulls their second two-game losing streak of the season — the first came February 4-6, at Denver and Phoenix — but seemingly doing it as a matter of pride instead of tangible value considering no team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit in any NBA playoff series.

The SuperSonics could have gone south. But yesterday, they headed east. "I think tonight's game was the biggest test we've ever had as a basketball team, and we've had a lot of them this season," Karl said.

"Our men showed up. It was a went down out there. I hope this team has shown it's got some class. It takes a lot of courage to go back to Chicago, and I don't think anybody doubted we could do it."

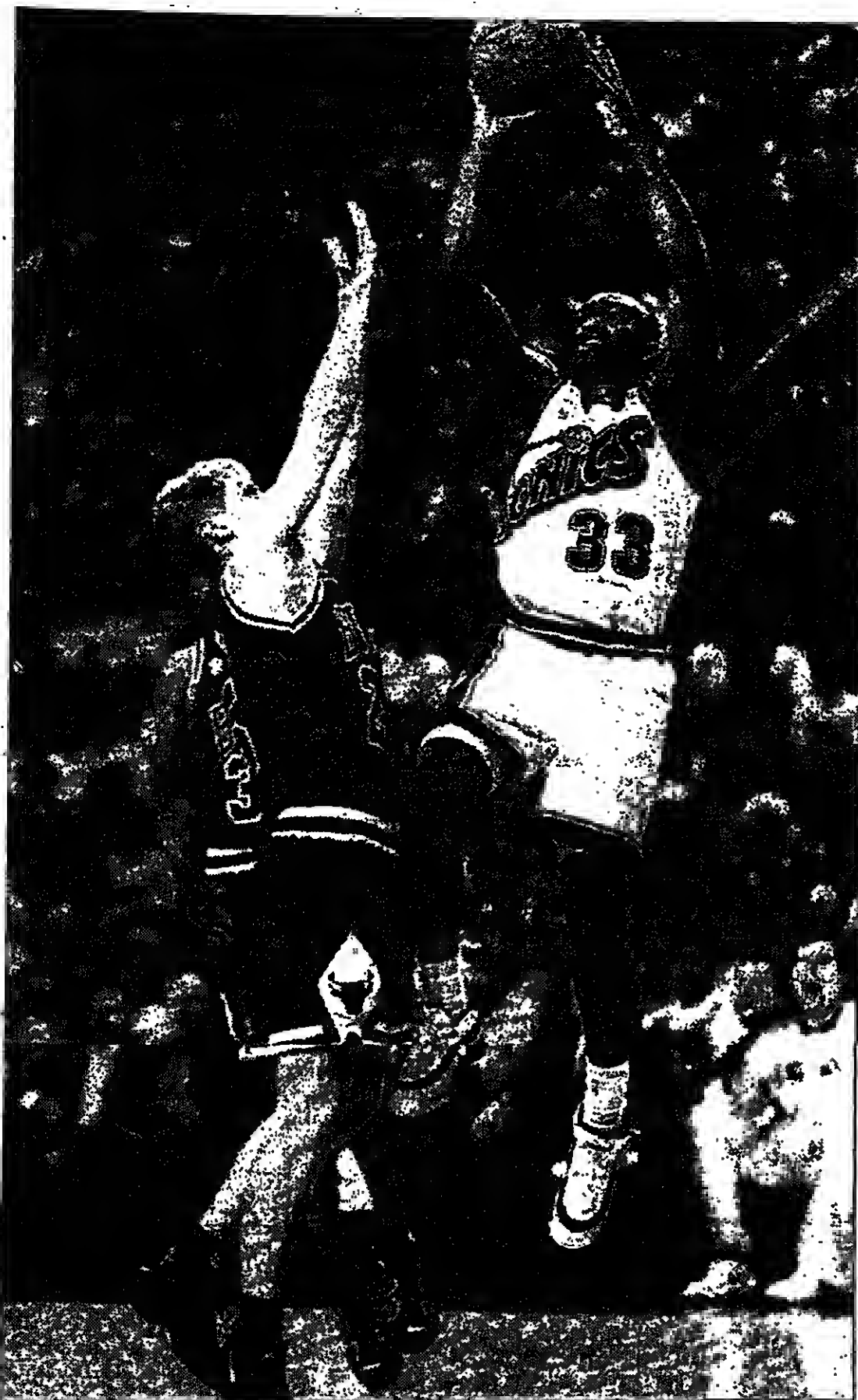
Anybody on their payroll, at least.

Unlike Game 4, when the SuperSonics took control at the start and only had to turn back a couple of brief challenges along the way,

Friday provided another fourth-quarter finish, just as Chicagoans got to enjoy in the first two contests. This time, it was 71-69, Seattle ahead, with eight minutes left. Jordan — having recently returned from a considerable rest that stretched from the end of the third period through the lengthy break and into the first 21 of the fourth — had already scored 26 points.

Then the SuperSonics threw a canvas on him, sometimes Gary Payton, sometimes Hersey Hawkins, sometimes three guys at once. No matter. The result was usually the same — Jordan disappearing into thin air.

In the Bulls' next eight possessions after 71-69, Jordan managed only one shot, a straight-away three-pointer. It missed, like everything else in that stretch. When Hawkins, his shadow on that bomb, released after the shot and got behind the Chicago defense, Payton found him streaking down court and delivered a long pass. Hawkins did the rest, completing the driving layup and the 11-0 charge.



HIGH AND MIGHTY — Hersey Hawkins shoots for two as Bulls' Steve Kerr defends. (Reuters)

Just like that, it was 82-69 with 4:21 remaining.

"The last four timeouts, we were saying the same thing," Karl noted. "You've got the defensive mentality to win it." Added Hawkins, who also had 21 points: "It's very difficult to deny him (Jordan) the basketball, because they have so many options in the triangle set. I think we did a good job of (double-teaming) him quickly tonight and not letting him shoot the quick shot, so he had to pass the basketball and other guys had to make decisions."

"I think that works in your favor, whenever you're playing the Bulls and you have someone else shooting the basketball instead of Michael."

Friday, it worked in their favor. Jordan, one for four in the

final quarter, finished 11 of 22 and with the same 26 points he had with 9:10 left. And no one else really showed.

Scottie Pippen made five of 20 shots. Toni Kukoc, back in the starting lineup at shooting guard for the tendonitis-plagued Ron Harper, was five for 13. Steve Kerr was only two for eight.

The Bulls made only three of 26 three-point shots and had missed 20 in a row at one point. In all, the 10 other Bulls who played shot 37.2 percent and scored 52 points. The SuperSonics' starting backcourt of Payton and Hawkins had 44 alone, and Shawn Kemp added another 22, along with 10 rebounds.

The 78 points was the second-lowest total of the season for the Bulls, behind only the 72 they

had March 10 at New York. It was also their worst offensive output in the finals — surpassing the 86 from Game 4.

"We just didn't hit shots, it's as simple as that," the Bulls' Rodman said. "They hit shots and we should have capitalized on things they did wrong, but you know, that's the way it goes."

"A lot of people on this team have a lot of confidence, and it should have come earlier," Payton said. "It might be a different story in the series."

"They played with more desire than we did in the fourth quarter," Jordan said. "Hopefully the home court will work in our favor, but by no means can we rely on that."

Game 6 will be televised live tomorrow at 2:30 am on Cable Channel 33 (ITV 3)

KANSAS CITY, (Reuters) — Mike Mussina pitched a seven-bitter for his second complete game of the season and Brady Anderson hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Kansas City Royals 6-1 Friday.

"He just pitched a great ballgame," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "This came at a time when we certainly needed it."

Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripken, who went 0-for-4, played in his 2,216th consecutive game, surpassing Japanese player Sachio Kinugasa's world mark for consecutive games played. Kinugasa was at the game and threw out the first pitch to Ripken.

"To me this is something that's happened," Ripken said. "I love to go out and play the game. I love to be in the lineup. There's no way I ever set out to be in this position right now. I just set out to be the best ballplayer I could be."

"When he (Ripken) came to Japan in his second year, I thought he was going to be big, and he hasn't changed," Kinugasa said.

Yankees 4, Indians 3
Dwight Gooden allowed a pair of runs in eight innings on the way to his third straight win and Derek Jeter broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run single as New York won at home 3.

Gooden (6-4) allowed seven hits and a walk with two strikeouts and is 6-1 in his last nine starts. He has allowed 40 hits and 18 runs in 63 2/3 innings in that span for a 2.54 ERA after allowing 17 runs in his first three starts.

The Indians pulled their team off the field in the bottom of the seventh inning when fans continued to pelt embattled left fielder Albert Belle with various objects. Belle is currently appealing a five-game suspension.

"There was never any question that we would not send them back out there (after more security personnel arrived), said Indians manager Mike Hargrove. "I don't know why they chose to react to Red Sox 4, Rangers 3."

Mo Vaughn hit a solo homer to snap an eighth-inning tie as host Boston notched its fourth consecutive victory.

With the score tied at 3-3, Vaughn belted a 2-2 pitch from Rangers starter Bobby Witt (6-5) over the left-center field wall for the go-ahead run. It was Vaughn's 23rd homer.

Jose Canseco hit his 20th home run.

Brewers 6, A's 2
Greg Vaughn hit a three-run homer and Ricky Bones allowed six hits over seven-plus innings as the host Milwaukee continued its dominance of Oakland.

Vaughn's 14th homer came in the fourth inning and erased a 2-0 deficit for the Brewers.

Tigers 5, Twins 4
Tony Clark homered to snap a sixth-inning tie and Chris Gomez and Chad Curtis each drove in runs in the frame as visiting Detroit held off Minnesota.

Marty Cordova went 4-for-5 with a solo homer for the Twins, who lost their third straight.

Angels 7, Blue Jays 4
Randy Velarde missed the cycle by a triple and Garret Anderson



WORLDWIDE IRON MAN — Cal Ripken waves to the fans after surpassing Japan's Sachio Kinugasa's consecutive game mark. (Reuters)

doubled twice and drove in a pair of runs to pace host California to its sixth straight win.

Velarde hit his fifth homer of the season in the fifth inning and Anderson had RBI doubles in the first and second innings.

White Sox 4, Mariners 1
Wilson Alvarez allowed five hits in 7 1/3 innings and Lyle Mouton drove in two runs as visiting Chicago snapped a two-game losing streak.

Frank Thomas and Ron Karkovics each homered for Chicago, which pulled within one-half game of the Central Indians. The White Sox have won seven of their last 10 road games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves 3, Dodgers 1

John Smoltz allowed five hits over eight scoreless innings to become the first 13-game winner in the majors, and Ryan Klesko and Dwight Smith hit solo homers to lead Atlanta to a home victory.

Smoltz (13-1) did not walk a batter and struck out eight for his 13th straight victory.

Over 31 1/3 innings in his last four starts, Smoltz has given up just seven runs and 24 hits, walking five and striking out 41.

Cubs 5, Padres 1
Steve Trachsel allowed five hits over 7 1/3 innings and Sammy Sosa hit his league-leading 22nd homer and scored twice to lift host Chicago past San Diego, who have lost eight straight games.

Trachsel (5-4) struck out four and walked one.

Expos 6, Reds 1
Pedro Martinez pitched a four-hitter with a career-high 11 strikeouts and Moises Alou homered and drove in two runs as visiting

Montreal cruised to its third straight victory, a rain-delayed win over Cincinnati.

Martinez (6-3) ended a personal two-game losing streak with his second complete game of the season. He walked one and surpassed his previous strikeout best of 10, done four times.

Pirates 5, Marlins 4

Jeff King's two-run single in the bottom of the ninth inning plated the tying and winning runs as the Pittsburgh rallied from a four-run deficit.

FRIDAY'S A.L. RESULTS:

Boston 4, Texas 3
New York 4, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 6, Kansas City 1
Milwaukee 6, Oakland 2
Detroit 5, Minnesota 4
California 7, Toronto 4
Chicago 4, Seattle 1 (1st game)

FRIDAY'S N.L. RESULTS:

Chicago 5, San Diego 1 (1st game)
Montreal 6, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 4
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 1
St. Louis 13, New York 3
Colorado 10, Philadelphia 6
Houston 9, San Francisco 1

THURSDAY'S A.L. RESULTS:

Boston 8, Texas 7 (10)
Cleveland 6, New York 2
Kansas City 10, Baltimore 2
Milwaukee 16, Oakland 3
California 6, Toronto 4

THURSDAY'S N.L. RESULTS:

San Francisco 12, Houston 8
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 3
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 3
Chicago 6, San Diego 1 (1st game)
New York 2, St. Louis 1
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1

Payne Stewart stretches lead to three shots at US Open

BLOOMFIELD HILLS (Reuters) — Payne Stewart stretched his US Open lead to three strokes as he headed to the back nine in the sec-

ond round at Oakland Hills Country Club yesterday.

Stewart birdied the ninth hole to bounce back from a bogey at the eighth and stood at five under par through 27 holes at the 6,974-yard, par-70 course dubbed the "Monster" by Ben Hogan.

Stewart, who won the 1991 Open at Hazletine, began the warm, sunny day tied for the lead with second-year pro Woody Austin after opening with a three-under-par 67. Birdies at the fifth and seventh holes pushed him ahead of the field.

Several players seemed poised to make a move but each faltered as course conditions continued to firm up after Wednesday's severe rain storm.

Austin fell back with a bogey at the par-three third hole. Lee Janzen, the 1993 champion, reached three-under twice on the front nine but then bogeyed each time to stand two-under through 10.

New Zealander Frank Nobilo, among Friday's earliest starters, got to three under par after birdies on the first two holes before he slid back with a double-bogey at the fourth and another bogey at seven. He finished at even-par 140.

Former champion Tom Watson pushed himself to two-under with back-to-back birdies to start the day but double-bogeyed the seventh to drop to even par.

One pre-tournament favorite to make a bold move was Greg Norman, who holed out from the

16th fairway for an eagle to vault into contention.

Norman, rebounding from his final-round collapse two months ago at the Masters, posted the best score of the tournament so far — a four-under-par 66 — to finish at one-under 139.

Norman opened with a 73 and knew he had his work cut out for him. "My whole outlook today was to get to even par," he said. "I figured that would put me in very good shape."

The Australian, who suffered the worst collapse in major championship golf when he squandered a six-shot lead in the final round of the Masters, surpassed his target.

He worked his way back with birdies at the second, eighth and 13th holes against a bogey at the fifth, before his stunning hole-out.

At 16, his eight iron approach shot carried 140 yards straight over the flag and spun directly back, rattling the stick and dropping into the cup.

"I had it lined up pretty good," Norman said.

Another former champion, Ernie Els of South Africa, also picked up the chase.

Els, who won the 1994 Open at Oakland, began the day at two over par but had improved by three strokes by the seventh hole. Also at one under par was Colin Montgomerie of Britain, the leading player on the European Tour the last three years, after a birdie on the par-five 12th hole.

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Three children killed in S. Lebanon blast

MARIAYOUN (Reuters) - Israel and Hizbullah blamed each other for a bomb explosion on Friday that killed three children in the security zone.

South Lebanese Army (SLA) sources said the bomb went off in Houla village three kilometers north of the Israeli-Lebanese border, killing two young girls and a boy.

The bomb exploded on a small road inside the village which was not used by Israeli or SLA patrols, the SLA sources added.

The sources said earlier four children were killed and one wounded in the blast, but they later identified the dead as eight-year-old Taghrir Qtaish; Hamama Hosni, 12; and Mohammed Jawad, 12.

SLA-run Voice of the South radio, which broadcasts from the zone, said the blast was a breach of the April 26 understandings that put an end to Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The understandings bar attacks on civilians or from civilian areas but do not bar guerrilla attacks on the IDF and give both sides the right of self-defense.

"This is the second time in 24 hours that the Hizbullah has breached the April agreement and operated in a civilian area against innocent Lebanese civilians," the IDF Spokesman said.

He said Hizbullah had also set off a roadside bomb on Thursday near Houla, aimed at SLA soldiers.

In Beirut, Hizbullah said in a statement that it had nothing to do with the Houla explosion and accused the IDF of setting off the bomb in a bid to "disgrace the operations of the resistance against the occupation."

Israel was also trying to cover up its breaches of the April understandings and "its targeting of civilians' lives and livelihood" in south Lebanon, the group added.

"This premeditated crime committed by the Zionist occupation forces comes as a prelude to justifying the Israeli aggressions against our steadfast people in the occupied area and villages [outside the zone]," Hizbullah said.

"The resistance will get the revenge for the victims of this ugly crime committed by the occupation forces," added the group.

Earlier on Friday, a Hizbullah gunman was killed in an attack on a post held by the SLA at Toumat Naha post, in a finger of territory jutting north from the zone.

The group said its gunmen hit the Toumat post with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. One fighter was killed in the exchange of fire and no SLA men were hurt.



Police Dep.-Cmdr. Shmuel Shem-Tov (right), and his son, IDF paratroop Maj. Ihan Shem-Tov, pose with Ben-Gurion University president Dr. Avishai Braverman on Thursday. The father and son, who received BA degrees in History of the Jewish People and the Middle East, were among 1,990 students to receive degrees. (Photo Campus)

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Winning cards

In Friday's Mifal Hapays daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, 10 of hearts, ace of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

AFP: Israel detained our Lebanon stringer

BEIRUT (Reuters) - A Lebanese reporter working for Agence France-Presse (AFP) in southern Lebanon was seized and taken to Israel for interrogation last week, one of his colleagues at the French news agency said on Friday.

The AFP correspondent in Beirut said stringer Ali Dia was taken to Israel after he was asked by South Lebanese Army officers to report to their headquarters in Marjayoun on Thursday.

"Mr. Dia has not returned home since. We were told by informed sources that Dia was taken to somewhere in Israel for interrogation," the correspondent, who declined to be named, told Reuters.

"We contacted SLA officials but they said they know nothing about Dia," he added.

Dia, 40, also works for Beirut-based Future Television, which is owned by Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and the Beirut daily *A-Safir*. The IDF Spokesman said it was checking the report and had no further comment.

Chirac to visit here

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac is expected to pay an official visit to Israel in November, diplomatic sources told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Although no date has been fixed for the visit, Chirac has declared several times recently that he intends to visit Israel before the end of the year, and informed Prime Minister Shimon Peres of his intentions during a meeting the two leaders held in Paris last month.

Binyamin Netanyahu's election victory has apparently had no effect on Chirac's decision. Chirac met with Netanyahu two years ago, when he was still mayor of Paris. He was the first foreign leader to congratulate Netanyahu on his victory.

Chirac will be the second French head of state to pay an official visit to Israel. His predecessor, Francois Mitterrand, was the first, visiting in 1982 and in 1992. *Eldad Beck*

Court asked to order reburial of Hadassah convoy dead

TWENTY-TWO people killed in the War of Independence who are buried in a Moslem cemetery in eastern Jerusalem should be reburied in Jewish graves, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded on Friday.

The petition also asks that a mass grave in Sanhedria, containing victims of the same battle, be opened as well, so that the fallen can be identified. The identification can be accomplished by genetic testing if the ministry locates the victims' descendants, the petition said, and Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital has already agreed to help in setting up the genetic database.

The petition was filed by Yehoshua Levanon and Arye Kerner, whose fathers, Zvi Levanon and Dov Kerner, were part of a convoy bringing supplies to Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus on April 13, 1948. The convoy was attacked by Arabs, and 78 of its 106 members, most of whom were soldiers, were killed. Thirty-one of the victims were identified and given individual burials; the remaining 47, according to the Defense Ministry, were buried in a mass grave in the Sanhedria Cemetery.

In the mid-1970s, however, Yehoshua Levanon began investigating the affair, and discovered that a commission of inquiry had investigated at the time. The commission's report, which Levanon

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obtained from the archives of the World Zionist Organization, stated that only 25 people were buried in the Sanhedria grave; the bodies of the other 22 had never been recovered. Since the bodies had not been identified, it was not known which 25 people were buried in Sanhedria.

Levanon then embarked on a search for the whereabouts of the other 22. In 1992, he made the acquaintance of an east Jerusalem Arab who agreed to help him, and in 1993 this source introduced him to another Arab who had participated in the actual ambush.

This eyewitness described the attack in detail to Levanon, who found that his account matched accurately with all the accounts he had read. The witness then described how, after the battle, the Arabs had gathered up the body parts - Jewish and Arab alike - and buried them in a mass grave in a Moslem cemetery outside the Old City's Lions Gate. Until 1967, the witness said, the grave even bore an inscription stating, "Those who fell on April 13, 1948 are buried here," which was removed just before Israel captured the Old City, for fear Israelis would dig up the grave in search of their own dead.

Levanon then asked the Defense Ministry to investigate this information, and, if necessary, to open the grave. The ministry had dug in

four other places - on the Mount of Olives and near the police headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah - and found nothing, but refused to investigate the cemetery near Lions Gate.

The Religious Affairs Ministry was also brought in, to try to get the consent of the Waqf to the project, but without success. After repeated requests to the Defense Ministry, which resulted only in suggestions that they be patient, Levanon and Kerner petitioned the High Court.

The petition notes that the ministry has the authority to open both graves, because the Military Cemeteries Law states that the ministry is required to open any mass grave containing fallen soldiers if three years have passed from the date of burial and a family member wants the body for reburial. The law also states that the ministry may order the transfer of any fallen soldier from a civilian cemetery to a military one.

Furthermore, the petition states, the ministry has an obligation to exercise its authority out of respect for both the dead and the living family members. Burying the dead is one of the most sacred obligations of Jewish law, the petition notes, and from the Jewish perspective, if someone did not receive a Jewish burial - as those in the Moslem cemetery certainly did not - it is as if he were never buried at all.

This principle of Jewish law has become one of the cornerstones of Israeli society in general, and the army in particular, the petition notes: It is considered incumbent on the army and the state to do everything in their power to bring back their dead for proper burial.

Finally, the petition states, this principle has also been enshrined in the 1992 Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, since the Supreme Court has ruled that "human dignity" includes respect for the dead.

Thousands view rare mosaic discovery

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THOUSANDS of Israelis braved scorching heat to come to Lod on Friday and yesterday to get a look at what has been described as one of the finest mosaics ever discovered in this country.

Following the viewing, the mosaic will be covered over while officials decide whether to restore it at the site or to remove it and restore it elsewhere.

Although the Antiquities Authority had intended putting it on view only Friday and yesterday, the crush of visitors caused them to extend the viewing at least to today and tomorrow. The mosaic is located near the Led turnoff on the Ramle - Ben-Gurion Airport highway.

As police directed traffic, children and adults of all ages jammed adjoining streets and made their way on foot through the dust of what until recently had been a road construction site to see the find: a 10-meter by 18-meter almost undamaged floor of what had apparently been the house of a third century CE Roman official.

The mosaic was uncovered during archaeological rescue work during the construction of the road.

The crowds waited patiently on the dirt ramp surrounding the mosaic, over which a temporary awning had been stretched. A combination of police barriers and barbed wire kept the onlookers from coming too close. Around the periphery of the crowd, half a dozen vendors sold soft drinks, ice-cream, and snacks.

Despite the press of visitors, the crowds remained silent as Miki Waisman, director of the Antiquities Authority's

Archaeological Center explained the mosaic. Using a portable loudspeaker, he told them that the artist who created the mosaic had apparently come from abroad, as evidenced by the realistic depiction of the African and Asian animals in its center, and by the fact that some of the tiles used had been imported.

Among the animals are lions, a giraffe, a hippopotamus, an elephant, and a tiger. The central medallion of the mosaic shows a lion and lioness, each on a mountain, separated by a lake with a mythical monster between them. Another scene depicts a hare eating grapes and a dog stalking the hare. Along the borders of this square are birds and fish, while dolphins gambol in the corners. Other sections include additional panels with birds and fish, as well as amphorae and geometric patterns.

Another square includes a wide variety of fish and two merchant ships. One of the ships is almost obliterated, the only apparent damage in the entire mosaic. However, one section of the mosaic is transversed by a pipe laid above it some 20 years ago and it is not clear what damage, if any, might have been caused by the laying of the pipe.

According to Waisman, coins found nearby indicate that the mosaic dates from the late third or early fourth century CE. It is one of the few mosaics from this period, as well as the most complete and best preserved. Waisman speculated that the owner of the house may have had it covered over during the political unrest which typified this period.

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